



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1        [The Board of Supervisors did not meet in closed session  
2        Tuesday, March 24, 2015. In open session items CS-1, CS-2  
3        and CS-3 were continued one week to March 31, 2015.]  
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7        **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MARCH 24TH LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8        BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. WE'RE GOING  
9        TO BE FIRST LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR LATISHA ANN STEWART SMITH  
10       OF THE CASTAIC COMMUNITY A.M.E. CHURCH IN OUR FIFTH  
11       SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY  
12       TERRY LYNN WILLIAMS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM  
13       THE 4TH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.  
14

15       **REV. LATISHA SMITH:** MOST GRACIOUS AND HEAVENLY FATHER, WE ASK  
16       YOU TO BLESS THIS GATHERING OF GREAT MINDS AND AVID THINKERS  
17       WITH PEACE AND PRODUCTIVITY. WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THOSE WHO ARE  
18       BEING HONORED TODAY FOR THEIR ACTS OF KINDNESS AND SERVICE.  
19       BLESS THIS HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND PRODUCTIVE BOARD OF  
20       SUPERVISORS. BLESS MAYOR ANTONOVICH, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
21       SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
22       BLESS THEM WITH CLARITY OF PURPOSE AND CLARITY OF THOUGHT  
23       WHILE PRESIDING OVER THIS MEETING TODAY. NOT ONLY DO WE ASK  
24       THAT THE MEETING BE PRODUCTIVE, BUT ALL THOSE WHO COME, COME  
25       WITH THE DESIRE TO DO GOOD WORK. WE THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE'S

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1 WILLINGNESS TO, SACRIFICE THEMSELVES TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF  
2 THIS GREAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY  
3 BLESSINGS THAT YOU'VE BESTOWED UPON THIS COMMUNITY, AND WE  
4 KNOW, OH GOD, WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL HELP THEM TO BE PRODUCTIVE  
5 TODAY. IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY.

6

7 **TERRY LYNN WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD ASK THAT EVERYBODY  
8 REMAIN STANDING AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
9 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LATISHA IS A PERSONAL FRIEND, QUITE  
12 ACTIVE LEADER IN OUR L.A. COUNTY, THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND  
13 CASTAIC. BUT PASTOR LATISHA ANN STEWART SMITH CURRENTLY SERVES  
14 AS THE PASTOR OF THE CASTAIC COMMUNITY A.M.E. CHURCH FOR THE  
15 PAST 10 YEARS. SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CASTAIC CHAMBER  
16 OF COMMERCE FOR FOUR YEARS AND WAS ORDAINED AN ELDER IN  
17 OCTOBER OF 2002, 13 YEARS AGO, IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
18 EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SHE'S VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT SERVING HER  
19 COMMUNITY. AND WE REALLY LOVE HER. SHE'S A REAL ROLE MODEL IN  
20 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND ALSO AT OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL. SHE  
21 RECEIVED HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY  
22 AND HER NURSING EDUCATION AT THE L.A. COUNTY SCHOOL OF  
23 NURSING, AND AT THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE NURSE  
24 PRACTITIONER PROGRAM. ALSO A NURSE PRACTITIONER IN THE  
25 OB./GYN. CLINIC AT OLIVE VIEW- U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN



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1 SYLMAR. SHE'S MARRIED TO JOSE SMITH. THEY HAVE A SON, A  
2 DAUGHTER AND A GRANDCHILD. BUT SHE'S A REAL ROLE MODEL FOR OUR  
3 YOUNG PEOPLE TO SEE HOW TO STAY INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY, IN  
4 YOUR CHURCH AND IN YOUR PROFESSION. AND SO LATISHA, THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH FOR COMING DOWN. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
6 IN THE COMMUNITY AND BACK AT THE COUNTY ONCE AGAIN.

7 [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES  
12 AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF  
13 APPRECIATION TO TERRY LYNN WILLIAMS WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE  
14 CITY OF LONG BEACH AND IS A FORMER PRIVATE FIRST CLASS IN THE  
15 UNITED STATES ARMY. SHE SERVED IN THE ARMY FROM 1980 TO '82 AS  
16 A RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. SHE  
17 CURRENTLY IS AN OUTREACH CASE MANAGER FOR HUMAN POTENTIAL  
18 CONSULTANTS, AND SHE HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER  
19 10 YEARS. SHE GRADUATED FROM FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL IN LOS  
20 ANGELES AND ATTENDED LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE. SO ON BEHALF OF  
21 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, WE WANT TO THANK TERRY  
22 FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HER VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO JOIN US AND  
23 LEAD US IN A PLEDGE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
24 SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND  
2   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE  
3   MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM  
4   1-H AS REVISED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THIS ITEM WILL BE  
5   HELD FOR HEARING. ON ITEM 2-H AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
6   AGENDA, ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
7   BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 7TH, 2015. 2-H. ON PAGE 5,  
8   PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1-4, THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR  
9   HEARING.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS MOVES, SECOND  
12   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14   **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, ADMINISTRATIVE  
15   MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 5 THROUGH 16.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME MOVE RECONSIDERATION.  
18   SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. SOLIS SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
19   ORDERED. SO WE CAN TAKE TESTIMONY. THEN WE WILL CONTINUE IT  
20   FOR TWO WEEKS.

21

22   **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** FOR 2-H. THANK YOU. ON PAGE  
23   8, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 5-16. ON  
24   ITEM NO. 5, THIS INCLUDES THE ADDITIONS AS POSTED ON THE  
25   SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT

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1 THIS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS  
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
3 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR  
4 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL  
5 7, 2015. ON ITEM NO. 11, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
6 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND A  
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 13  
8 WAS REMOVED AND MOVED TO THE AGENDA OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
9 AS ITEM NO. 2-H. AND THAT COMPLETES THE REMAINING ITEMS OF THE  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
13 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT  
16 CALENDAR, ITEMS 17-24. ON ITEM NO. 18, THIS WILL BE TAKEN UP  
17 WITH ITEM 1 S-1. ON ITEM NO. 19, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS  
18 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 20, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
19 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, A MEMBER OF THE  
20 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 23,  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
22 THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 24, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
23 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
24 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND,  
2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 18, MISCELLANEOUS  
5    ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
6    IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
7    AGENDA. ITEM 25-A IS BEFORE YOU.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO MOVED. SECOND BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
10    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON 25-B, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
13    THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS BE CHANGED TO REPORT BACK BY THE  
14    INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO 60 DAYS INSTEAD OF 30 DAYS.  
15    AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
16    MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 25-  
17    C IS BEFORE YOU.

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
20    THOMAS. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 21, NOTICES OF  
23    CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.-3, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT  
24    THIS ITEM AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA BE CONTINUED  
25    ONE WEEK TO MARCH 31, 2015. C.S.-3. AND THAT COMPLETES THE

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1 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
2 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, AT THIS TIME WE WANT TO SHOW YOU  
5 A MAN WHO HAS FOUND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH. SPEAKER WILLIE  
6 BROWN, MAYOR WILLIE BROWN IS 81 YEARS OLD. [APPLAUSE.] EARLIER  
7 THIS MORNING, WE HAVE THE STUDENTS, JUNIOR STATESMEN FROM  
8 BURROUGHS HIGH WHICH WON THE BEST JUNIOR STATESMEN AWARD.  
9 THEY'RE HERE, IF THEY WOULD STAND UP FOR A MOMENT FOR  
10 RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.] SPEAKER BROWN AND I HAD AN  
11 OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THEM EARLIER THIS MORNING ON  
12 GOVERNMENT. AND I GAVE THE STORY, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY AS  
13 SPEAKER BROWN DID UNDER GOVERNOR REAGAN, GOVERNOR BROWN AND  
14 THEN HE CONTINUED TO SERVE WITH GOVERNOR DEUKMEJIAN AND  
15 GOVERNOR WILSON AND DAVIS? BUT WE HAD A FISCAL PROBLEM ONE  
16 TIME WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED. SPEAKER MORETTI AT THE TIME IN  
17 THE ASSEMBLY AND JIM MILLS PRO TEM OF THE SENATE AND RONALD  
18 REAGAN AS GOVERNOR. BUT WE ALL REALIZED THAT WHILE WE MAY HAVE  
19 DIFFERENCES, WE ALSO HAVE THE STATE TO LOOK OUT FOR. AND SO IN  
20 THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, MORETTI, SPEAKER BROWN, MILLS AND  
21 OTHERS WORKED ON A BILL. THEY WALKED IT FROM THERE TO THE  
22 ASSEMBLY, PASSED BY THE COMMITTEES, PASSED BY THE FULL  
23 ASSEMBLY, WALKED IT TO THE SENATE, PASSED BY THE COMMITTEES,  
24 BACK TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR CONCURRENCE. ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK  
25 AND SIGNED INTO LAW. AND THEY DID THAT IN ABOUT TWO TO THREE

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1 HOURS, IN ABOUT TWO TO THREE HOURS. SHOWING YOU THAT WHEN  
2 THERE IS A CRISIS, YOU ARE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD  
3 OF THE WHOLE. AND THAT WAS THE LEGACY THAT WILLIE BROWN LEFT  
4 IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THAT HE WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH BUSINESS  
5 AND LABOR ON VARIOUS ISSUES. AND WHILE THERE WILL BE  
6 DIFFERENCES FROM TIME TO TIME, YOU COULD STILL MAKE PROGRESS.  
7 BUT ON BEHALF OF OUR 10-1/2 MILLION PEOPLE, A MAN WHO SERVED  
8 AS A MAYOR, WHO REALIZES THAT THOSE UNFUNDED MANDATES DO HURT  
9 WHEN THEY GET TO THE CITIES AND THE COUNTIES AND THE SCHOOL  
10 BOARDS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. BUT THEN IT'S TOO LATE  
11 BECAUSE HE'S NO LONGER IN THE ASSEMBLY TO MAKE THE CHANGES. SO  
12 THIS IS WHAT WE TRY TO DO, THE BEST AS WE CAN. AND OUR  
13 COLLEAGUES HERE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TO  
14 SOLVE THESE. AND THREE OF US ARE ALUMNUS OF THE STATE  
15 ASSEMBLY. AND ONE-- TWO IN THE STATE SENATE, SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
16 BOTH IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE. IT'S THREE. I WAS THE ODD  
17 MAN OUT. I DIDN'T MAKE TO IT THE SENATE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
18 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO IT'S BEEN-- AND AFTER TERM  
19 LIMITS, THERE'S HOPE FOR DON, MAYBE. [LAUGHTER.] SO WE'RE  
20 GOING TO, GIVE YOU THIS, WILLIE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY ON  
21 YOUR 81ST BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.] WHY DON'T YOU SAY A COUPLE  
22 PROFOUND WORDS AND THEN WE'LL TAKE A GROUP PICTURE. OF COURSE,  
23 YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SPEECHLESS IN YOUR LIFE.  
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1 **WILLIE BROWN:** YES. LET ME, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THIS  
2 AUGUST BODY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING SO GENEROUS WITH  
3 YOUR TIME AND WITH YOUR MAKING A VERY OLD MAN FEEL REALLY  
4 GOOD. I JUST CAME DOWN TO SAY HELLO AND DIDN'T EXPECT  
5 ANYTHING. AND LO AND BEHOLD I'M WALKING OUT OF HERE WITH  
6 SOMETHING I'M GOING TO TRY TO CASH IN ON. [LAUGHTER.] AS I  
7 MOVE AROUND. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WILL LET YOU GET  
8 TO YOUR BUSINESS AND YOUR DUTIES AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES.  
9 AND I MUST SAY THAT IT IS A WONDERFUL PLEASURE TO KNOW ALL  
10 FIVE MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND TO HAVE MEMORIES WITH EACH ONE  
11 OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M  
15 GOING TO CALL UP A GOOD FRIEND, ANOTHER GENTLEMAN THAT HAD A  
16 GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER, A GOOD FRIEND LARRY HERRERA-  
17 CABRERA WHO IS THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. HIS  
18 WIFE CATHERINE, DAUGHTER MIRIAM, GRANDCHILDREN CRUZ, CORTES,  
19 PALOMO, BROTHERS DOMINGO AND MARIO. LARRY IS A NATIVE ANGELINO  
20 WITH ROOTS IN CHAVEZ RAVINE AND BEGAN HIS PUBLIC SERVICE  
21 CAREER WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1972. HE IS  
22 A PROUD GRADUATE OF EAST L.A. COLLEGE AND CALIFORNIA STATE  
23 UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. HE HAS SERVED THE CITIES OF LONG  
24 BEACH, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA MONICA, COMMERCE AND SANTA BARBARA  
25 COUNTY. HE LED ORGANIZATIONAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS IN

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1 STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, CITY MANAGEMENT, HUMAN  
2 RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION, PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION, COUNTY  
3 RECORDER, CLERK OF THE BOARD, CITY AND COUNTY CLERK SERVICES  
4 AND COURT ADMINISTRATION. AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S BEEN A DEAR  
5 FRIEND TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. HE WILL RETIRE AS CITY  
6 CLERK FOR THE GREAT CITY OF LONG BEACH ON APRIL 30, 2015 TO  
7 SPEND TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, TO TEACH, TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP  
8 FUNDS FOR LOW- INCOME YOUTH, AND TO PLAY HIS MUSIC. SO ON  
9 BEHALF OF THE BOARD, AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE, WE WANT TO SAY TO  
10 THE 10-1/2 MILLION RESIDENTS, THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE  
11 FOR 43 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS NOT ONLY OF  
12 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH BUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SANTA  
13 BARBARA COUNTY. WE WANT TO WISH YOU BEST GOOD HEALTH AND  
14 GODSPEED, MY FRIEND. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **LARRY HERRERA-CABRERA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. ON BEHALF  
17 OF MY GRANDPARENTS, MY PARENTS, MY GRANDCHILDREN AND THE  
18 NATIVE ANGELINOS SUCH AS MYSELF AND RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THIS BOARD FOR  
20 PROVIDING ME WITH THIS SCROLL. IT'S INDEED AN HONOR. THANK  
21 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY, WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THE  
24 COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. THIS IS THE SIXTH ANNUAL  
25 COUNTYWIDE EVENT. IT'S A YEAR LONG WELLNESS CAMPAIGN DESIGNED

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1 TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING FIT AND HEALTHY TO  
2 REDUCE ILLNESS AND DISEASE. THIS YEAR'S EVENTS TAKE PLACE  
3 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BEGINNING ON MAY 16TH AT WHITTIER  
4 NARROWS RECREATION AREA, AND IT WILL END ON OCTOBER 27TH AT  
5 SANTA FE DAM. THEY FEATURE BIOMETRIC SCREENINGS FOR BLOOD  
6 PRESSURE, CHOLESTEROL AND DIABETES. SO WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT  
7 SCROLLS TO OUR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA GARRETT.  
8 RUSS GUINEY, PARKS AND RECREATION. OH, JOHN'S TAKING IT.  
9 WHERE'S RUSS?

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11 **SPEAKER:** WASN'T ABLE TO WORK IT OUT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S WORKING OUT, OKAY, THAT'S GOOD.  
14 DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBOR. AND JEFFREY GUNZHAUSER,  
15 YOU'RE A DOCTOR, RIGHT? DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND OUR  
16 AUTHORITY ON EBOLA. WE APPRECIATE THAT.

17

18 **LISA GARRETT:** GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING AN AWARD-WINNING AND TRULY LIFE  
20 CHANGING COUNTY-WIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. THIS IS OUR SIXTH  
21 YEAR, YEAH! I THANK THE BOARD FOR TRULY BEING CHAMPIONS FOR  
22 THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR EMPLOYEES. I THANK THE  
23 C.E.O.'S OFFICE FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM AND  
24 FOR MY PARTNERS IN FITNESS BACK HERE, WE HAVE PARKS AND RECS,  
25 BEACHES AND HARBORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THEY HAVE PROVIDED



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1 OUTSTANDING VENUES FOR OUR EMPLOYEES AND GREAT PROGRAMS. FOR  
2 OVER 16,000 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE  
3 PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO UP  
4 OUR GAME WITH FITNESS. THIS YEAR WE'LL HAVE 12-WEEK RACE  
5 ACROSS THE WORLD PROGRAM WHERE WE'LL BE USING SOCIAL MEDIA AND  
6 GIVEN ELECTRONIC PEBBLES TO TRACK YOUR FITNESS AND  
7 INCORPORATING FINANCIAL WELLNESS PART TO OUR COUNTYWIDE  
8 FITNESS PROGRAM. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU AND I ENCOURAGE ALL  
9 DEPARTMENTS HEADS, THE BOARD OFFICES, THE EMPLOYEES TO COME ON  
10 OUT TO ONE OF THE 10 VENUES THAT WE'LL HAVE STARTING SOON.  
11 THANK YOU.

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13 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** GOOD MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE  
15 SUPERVISORS AND MAYOR ANTONOVICH FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THIS VERY  
16 IMPORTANT COLLABORATIVE TO PROMOTE HEALTH AT THE WORKPLACE.  
17 YOU KNOW, WE ALL WANT THE SAME THING. WE ALL WANT TO LIVE  
18 LONG, HEALTHY LIVES. AND THE WAY TO DO THAT IS NOT WEIGHT BUT  
19 ACTUALLY TO GET ENGAGED IN LIFE AND TO BE ACTIVE SO THAT YOU  
20 PRODUCE HEALTH. AND THE WAY WE PRODUCE HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE  
21 IS TO HAVE FOLKS ENGAGED IN HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS. THE  
22 EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THESE HAVE  
23 BETTER KNOWLEDGE AND HAVE BETTER BEHAVIORS. THEY MAKE BETTER  
24 CHOICES ABOUT SCREENINGS, ABOUT CLINICAL PREVENTIVE SERVICES  
25 LIKE IMMUNIZATIONS AND FOLLOW UP FOR CARE, WHICH SUPPORTS THE

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1 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT GOALS OF IMPROVING POPULATION HEALTH AND  
2 REDUCING COSTS. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN  
3 A COUPLE WEEKS, APRIL 7TH AT THE COUNTY HEALTH EXPO WHICH WILL  
4 BE HELD BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 2 P.M. AT GRAND PARK TO SIGN UP  
5 FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. YOU  
6 KNOW WHEN WE THINK ABOUT IT, WE'VE GOT 100,000 EMPLOYEES, IF  
7 WE COULD GET MOST OF THEM INVOLVED IN THIS, IT WOULD MAKE A  
8 SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE IN IMPROVING HEALTH. SO AGAIN I WANT TO  
9 THANK THE SUPERVISORS AND PARTICULARLY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
10 RESOURCES, LISA GARRETT AND HER STAFF FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN  
11 PROVIDING WELLNESS IN THE WORKPLACE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **JOHN WICKER:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'M JOHN WICKER, CHIEF  
14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.  
15 AND WE'RE CERTAINLY PLEASED TO BE A PARTNER ONCE AGAIN IN THE  
16 COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. AND THIS YEAR, SEVEN OF OUR  
17 COUNTY PARKS ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE THE SITE-- THERE'S 10  
18 ACTIVITIES, BUT SEVEN OF THEM WILL BE AT OUR COUNTY PARK  
19 FACILITIES. SO WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT WHITTIER NARROWS  
20 RECREATION AREA, CASTAIC LAKE, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, ALONDRA  
21 PARK, PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER, SANTA FE DAM AND OUR  
22 BRAND NEW BEAUTIFUL FACILITY AT HACIENDA HEIGHTS WILL ALL BE  
23 SITES FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT. YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT  
24 THAT AS ALREADY HAS BEEN MENTIONED THAT HEALTH AND FITNESS IS  
25 VERY IMPORTANT AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A HEALTHY

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1 COUNTY WORKFORCE. AND OUR COUNTY PARKS ARE GREAT PLACES FOR  
2 EVERYONE TO GO TO WORK OUT AND REALLY, YOU CAN DO IT FOR FREE  
3 IN OUR COUNTY SITES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO JOIN A GYM. YOU CAN GO  
4 OUT. WE GOT MINI TRAILS. WE GOT FITNESS COURSES AND THINGS, SO  
5 COME ON OUT, WE'VE GOT 177 FACILITIES. AND I CHALLENGE  
6 EVERYONE TO COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THOSE FACILITIES AND TO  
7 STAY HEALTHY WITH US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **GARY JONES:** JUST QUICKLY ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 BEACHES AND HARBORS, I JUST WANT TO ECHO THE THANKS TO THE  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR CONTINUING TO PROMOTE THE WELLNESS OF  
12 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WE'RE EXCITED AGAIN TO PARTNER ON THIS  
13 YEAR'S COUNTYWIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
14 HOSTING A DAY OF OCEAN-RELATED ACTIVITIES AT DOCKWEILER YOUTH  
15 CENTER AT THE END OF AUGUST. BUT I ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR  
16 BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND MARINA DEL REY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND  
17 SAMPLE THE MANY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT CAN HELP YOU  
18 ATTAIN YOUR FITNESS GOALS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ROBIN GUERRERO HAS SERVED 40 YEARS FOR  
21 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEGINNING IN 1975 AS AN INTERMEDIATE  
22 TYPIST CLERK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL. IN '85 SHE WAS  
23 PROMOTED TO HEAD BOARD SPECIALIST WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF  
24 THE BOARD. AND IN 2008 TO DIVISION CHIEF IN CHARGE OF BOARD  
25 SERVICES AND RECORD MANAGEMENT. SOME OF HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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1 INCLUDE IMPROVING THE PROCEEDINGS FOR PREPARING THE BOARD'S  
2 WEEKLY AGENDA AND REDUCING THE PUBLISHING TIME ON THE  
3 STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FROM 10 TO FIVE DAYS. SO, ROBIN, GOOD  
4 JOB. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **PATRICK OGAWA:** I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ROBIN ON HER  
7 40 YEARS PLUS WITH THE COUNTY SERVICE. ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T HAD  
8 THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH HER FOR THAT MANY YEARS, I DO  
9 CHERISH THE MOMENTS THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEND WITH HER.  
10 ROBIN'S THE UNIQUE TYPE OF PERSON THAT SHE NOT ONLY WAS ABLE  
11 TO SHARE HOW BOARD OPERATIONS AND THE AGENDA SHOULD WORK, BUT  
12 MORE IMPORTANTLY SHE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF HISTORY. AND WITH  
13 THAT, SHE BROUGHT A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND THAT I'M GOING  
14 TO TRULY MISS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I WANT TO  
15 THANK YOU, ROBIN, FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE AND ESPECIALLY  
16 FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND ASSISTANCE TO OUR OFFICE IN  
17 PARTICULAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **ROBIN GUERRERO:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE  
20 BOARD. THIS IS A NICE RECOGNITION. AND I HAVE WITH ME MY  
21 HUSBAND, ED GUERRERO. AND I'VE HAD A GREAT NEARLY 40 YEARS  
22 HERE. I WILL BE COMING BACK FAIRLY SOON AS A VOLUNTEER. I  
23 STILL HAVE A LOT TO WORK ON. AND I LIKE TO ENSURE CLOSURE ON  
24 DIFFERENT PROJECTS. I'VE JUST HAD A VERY GOOD CAREER HERE.  
25 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JULIE ZALACE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZING HER  
3 YEARS OF SERVICE WHICH BEGAN IN 1990 WITH THE COUNTY OF HEALTH  
4 SERVICES AS A SUPERVISOR OF THE CARDIOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT  
5 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER. HER REPUTATION AS A STRONG  
6 LEADER AND TEAM PLAYER THROUGHOUT HER CAREER LED TO SEVERAL  
7 PROMOTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND HER FINAL  
8 PROMOTION AS DIVISION CHIEF OF COMPUTING OPERATIONS WITH THE  
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. JULIE?  
10 CONGRATULATIONS.

11

12 **JULIE ZALACE:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE  
13 BOARD. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL 36 YEARS. AND MY LAST SEVEN YEARS  
14 HERE AT THE BOARD HAS BEEN, I HAVE TO SAY, VERY EXCITING. I'M  
15 GOING TO MISS EVERYBODY AND I'LL BE WATCHING YOU ON T.V. EVERY  
16 BOARD MEETING. THANK YOU.

17

18 **PATRICK OGAWA:** I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE JULIE ON HER  
19 MANY YEARS OF WORKING WITH US. ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T HAD THE  
20 PLEASURE OF KNOWING HER THAT LONG, FOR THE EIGHT YEARS SHE  
21 WORKED IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, SHE'S PROVEN TO BE A VERY GOOD  
22 MODEL, A MENTOR. AND I CHERISH HER ADVICE AND INPUT THAT SHE'S  
23 GIVEN ME OVER THE YEARS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HER IN THE  
24 FUTURE AS SHE EMBARKS ON HER NEW ADVENTURE IN FLORIDA.

25 [APPLAUSE.]

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2     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND TODAY WE'RE RECOGNIZING SHELTER  
3     PARTNERSHIP AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RUTH SCHWARTZ, FOR  
4     THEIR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS AND FOSTER YOUTH IN LOS  
5     ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 1985. SHELTER PARTNERSHIP HAS INCREASED  
6     THE NUMBER AND USED PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS IN  
7     OUR COUNTY. THEY SERVE AS A VOCAL ADVOCATE ON PUBLIC POLICIES  
8     REGARDING SOCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING DELIVERY SYSTEMS. IN  
9     ADDITION TO THE VITAL PUBLIC POLICY WORK, SHELTER PARTNERSHIP  
10    WORKS AS A WHOLESALER TO SECURE LARGE-SCALE DONATIONS OF NEW  
11    EXCESS PRODUCTS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE AGENCIES ON THE  
12    FRONTLINE SERVING THOSE IN NEED. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THEY  
13    HAVE SHELTER PARTNERSHIP'S MARK TAPER FOUNDATION, SHELTER  
14    RESOURCE BANK HAS SECURED OVER \$220 MILLION IN NEW DONATED  
15    GOODS FROM 665 COMPANIES, DISTRIBUTED \$200 MILLION IN GOODS TO  
16    MORE THAN 575 AGENCIES. RECENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN  
17    AND FAMILY SERVICES' TRUST FUND RECEIVED \$221,000 FOR ITEMS  
18    USED BY FOSTER YOUTH AND FAMILIES. SO WE WANT TO THANK MISS  
19    SCHWARTZ AND THE SHELTER PARTNERSHIP FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN  
20    HELPING THOSE IN NEED. LET ME GIVE YOU THIS. THEN YOU CAN SAY  
21    A COUPLE WORDS.

22

23    **RUTH SCHWARTZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
24    THANK ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THIS GREAT HONOR AND THIS  
25    BEAUTIFUL SCROLL THAT WE'LL DISPLAY PROUDLY. IT'S NICE BEING



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1 ON THIS SIDE. I LIKE IT. I'M USUALLY OVER THERE. SO I WANTED  
2 TO THANK YOU ALL. I WANTED TO GIVE A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO THE  
3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION THAT'S BEEN OUR SUPPORTER  
4 SINCE WE STARTED THIS PROJECT. AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE MY KEY  
5 STAFF ON THIS PROJECT. RHONDA VILLANUEVA, WHO DOES ALL THE  
6 DISTRIBUTIONS. JERRY AYALLA, WHO'S BEEN WITH US 25 YEARS,  
7 SINCE THE BEGINNING, WHO IS OUR WAREHOUSE MANAGER. AND  
8 JENNIFER MARQUEZ, WHO GETS ALL THE DONATIONS IN AND JUST LOVES  
9 TO GET THEM. SO, WE STARTED THIS PROJECT WITH THE COUNTY.  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE HELPED US START IT. WE'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A  
11 WHILE. I ALSO WANTED TO JUST GIVE A SHOUT OUT THAT WE LOOK  
12 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ALL ON THE POLICY AND PROGRAM  
13 ISSUES WE WORK ON, HOMELESS FAMILIES, HOMELESS VETS,  
14 CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THOSE  
15 CONVERSATIONS AND THOSE DISCUSSIONS, ESPECIALLY ON HOMELESS  
16 FAMILIES THAT ARE COMING UP RIGHT NOW WITH THE FIRST FIVE  
17 COMMISSION. AND WE WANT TO JUST GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO  
18 CORPORATIONS AND MANUFACTURERS THAT MAY BE WATCHING TODAY TO  
19 SAY IF YOU'VE GOT EXCESS INVENTORY THAT'S NEW, WE GOT A HOME  
20 FOR IT. WE SERVED LAST YEAR ALMOST 250 AGENCIES, JUST LOTS OF  
21 NEED OUT THERE. WE CAN PROTECT YOUR INVENTORY AND GIVE IT TO  
22 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE GOOD ORGANIZATIONS, GREEN, SERVING  
23 FOSTER AND HOMELESS CHILDREN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK  
24 YOU FOR THIS HONOR TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 12-WEEK TERRIER.  
2    THIS IS ROXIE. LITTLE ROXIE IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. THOSE IN  
3    THE AUDIENCE COULD CALL 562-256-1649 IF YOU'RE WATCHING ON  
4    TELEVISION OR THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE. LITTLE ROXIE WILL MAKE  
5    YOU A NICE LITTLE LOVING PUPPY, LITTLE DOG, LITTLE TERRIER.  
6    SHE'S LOOKING OVER AT SHEILA. SHE'S A CAT PERSON, OKAY. BUT WE  
7    HAVE IN OUR FAMILY, WE HAVE DOGS AND A CAT. SO WOULD MAKE A  
8    NICE LITTLE EASTER OR PASSOVER GIFT. [LAUGHTER.] SUPERVISOR  
9    SOLIS?

10

11   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. AND I'M VERY PROUD TODAY TO  
12   BRING FORWARD ONE OF OUR TRUE LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THE  
13   SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, BUT IN PARTICULARLY THE CITY OF POMONA.  
14   I'M JOINED THIS MORNING BY PAMELA LYNN AND HER FAMILY, HER  
15   HUSBAND, AND ASSISTANCE. PAMELA HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF  
16   THINGS. SHE'S ONE OF THE UNSUNG SOLDIERS AND HEROES FOR OUR  
17   COMMUNITY. I MET HER THROUGH A PROGRAM THIS LAST FALL, DURING  
18   THE WINTER PART OF OUR SEASON, AND I FOUND THAT THERE WERE  
19   PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY THAT WERE HELPING TO  
20   PROVIDE SHELTER IN AN ARMORY IN POMONA FOR THE HOMELESS. AND I  
21   JUST WANT TO SAY THAT SHE IS ONE OF OUR PILLARS IN OUR  
22   COMMUNITY. AND I WANT TO THANK HER FOR HER TIRELESS WORK. SHE  
23   WAS BORN IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES  
24   COUNTY WHEN SHE WAS JUST FIVE YEARS OLD. SHE GRADUATED FROM  
25   DOMINGUEZ HIGH SCHOOL AND SETTLED IN THE CITY OF POMONA BACK

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1 IN 1985. SHE WORKED FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION  
2 DEPARTMENT AND RESIGNED TO OPEN UP THE DAYCARE CENTER WHEN SHE  
3 BEGAN HER FAMILY. AND IN 2009, SHE FOUNDED ANGELS WHO CARE, AN  
4 ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS AND  
5 DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES IN THE POMONA AREA. SHE ALSO FOUNDED  
6 THE LAUREL APARTMENTS TUTORING CENTER, WHICH I HAD A CHANCE TO  
7 VISIT, AND THE ANGELS IN ACTION RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER  
8 WHERE OVER 35 KINDER THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN GET  
9 ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR HOMEWORK AND MOMS CAN SOCIALIZE OR JUST  
10 TAKE A BREAK WHEN THEIR CHILDREN ARE BEING TUTORED. EVERY  
11 WINTER SHE MANAGES THE SAN GABRIEL WINTER SHELTER WHERE FOR 91  
12 DAYS, 125 HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN ARE PROVIDED WARM MEALS,  
13 HEALTH SERVICES, A SHOWER AND A PLACE TO SLEEP. THIS YEAR,  
14 THEY PLACED 27 OF THEIR HOMELESS PARTICIPANTS IN HOMES, TWO OF  
15 THEM A COUPLE WHO WERE MARRIED ON THEIR LAST DAY IN THE  
16 SHELTER. SHE COORDINATED VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FROM MULTIPLE  
17 CHURCHES AND AGENCIES AND BUSINESSES, COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS WHO  
18 SERVED THE MEALS, CLEANED AND HELPED MAINTAIN THE SHELTER.  
19 THEREFORE, TODAY AS WE CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MISS PAMELA LYNN FOR HER  
21 EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT AND TIRELESS LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF  
22 THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY FAMILIES NOT ONLY IN POMONA BUT IN THE  
23 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU, PAMELA, AND YOUR  
24 FAMILY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **PAMELA LYNN:** I'M OVERWHELMED. BUT I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.  
2   FIRST I WANT TO GIVE GOD ALL THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY FOR  
3   ALLOWING ME TO BE HONORED THIS MORNING. I WANT TO THANK GOD  
4   FOR MY HUSBAND FOR 34 YEARS, MY GRANDCHILDREN. I WANT TO THANK  
5   VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA FOR ALLOWING ME, TO TRUST ME TO BE ABLE  
6   TO RUN THE WINTER SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS. AND I JUST WANT TO  
7   THANK MY DAUGHTER ROCHELLE FOR BEING A TROOPER AND JUST  
8   SUPPORTING ME WITH ANGELS WHO CARE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.  
9   AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS FOR JUST BEING ABLE TO WORK  
10   WITH ME AND BE WITH ME AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
11   [APPLAUSE.]

12

13   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, I HAVE ANOTHER INTRODUCTION  
14   HERE, AS WELL. I'D LIKE TO BRING UP CECELIA BERNAL. CECELIA IS  
15   FROM THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK AND SHE JOINS ME HERE TODAY  
16   BEFORE THE BOARD. TODAY WE'RE HONORING HER FOR HER LEADERSHIP,  
17   ACTIVISM AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS IN  
18   HER CITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN THE SAN GABRIEL  
19   VALLEY. MISS BERNAL WAS BORN IN WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA,  
20   RELOCATED TO THE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK WHEN SHE WAS 16 YEARS  
21   OLD. SHE GRADUATED FROM BALDWIN PARK HIGH SCHOOL AND EARNED A  
22   CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL ASSISTING FROM NORTHWEST COLLEGE. SHE'S  
23   WORKED FOR U.V.P. INC. FOR 25 YEARS AND VOLUNTEERS MANY HOURS  
24   A WEEK ON VARIOUS CHARITABLE PROJECTS IN HER COMMUNITY. SHE IS  
25   A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER AND HAS

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1 SERVED AS A COMMUNITY EVENTS DIRECTOR SINCE 2009. IN THAT  
2 ROLE, SHE COORDINATES MANY FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS, AN ANNUAL  
3 EASTER PARTY, A BACKPACK GIVE AWAY AND HARVEST FESTIVAL AND  
4 CHRISTMAS PARTY. SHE'S MANAGED A BOYS' YOUTH GROUP CALLED THE  
5 ROYAL RANGERS FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND ALSO SERVES AS THE  
6 CHURCH'S DIRECTOR FOR THEIR COMMUNITY FOOD BANK. MISS BERNAL  
7 HAS SERVED ON BALDWIN PARK'S PERSONNEL COMMISSION, THE PARKS  
8 AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR OVER 14 YEARS. SHE ALSO SERVE AS  
9 THE PRESIDENT OF THE EAST SIDE LITTLE LEAGUE FOR OVER 10 YEARS  
10 AND THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL DISTRICT 19 BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
11 SERVES WITH THEM. THEREFORE, TODAY IN CELEBRATION OF HER  
12 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BALDWIN PARK AND THE  
13 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND HER TIRELESS EFFORT AND HER LEADERSHIP,  
14 WE LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU IN MEMORY OF WOMEN'S HISTORY  
15 MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO WE'D LIKE TO PROVIDE  
16 YOU WITH THIS RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF THE 10 MILLION  
17 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **CECILIA BERNAL:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR  
20 SELECTING ME FOR THIS WONDERFUL HONOR. I'D LIKE TO-- IT'S A  
21 PRIVILEGE TO SERVE AND TO VOLUNTEER IN THE CITY OF BALDWIN  
22 PARK AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, WEST COVINA, LA PUENTE, EL  
23 MONTE. BUT I DO IT BECAUSE I LOVE THE COMMUNITY. I LOVE  
24 PEOPLE. I LOVE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. IT'S A WAY OF ME PAYING  
25 BACK FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT HELPED ME WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND MY

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1 FAMILY THAT WERE IN THE SAME SITUATIONS. AND I COULDN'T DO IT,  
2 THOUGH, WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MY HUSBAND, MY CHILDREN, MY  
3 FAMILY. SO I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK THEM. AND ESPECIALLY THANK  
4 GOD FOR GIVING ME THE DESIRE, THE WILLINGNESS AND THE STRENGTH  
5 TO CONTINUE ON. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, HILDA SOLIS.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP REGINA  
11 BETTY AND MARIA DIXON. IT'S MY GREAT HONOR TODAY TO PRESENT ON  
12 BEHALF OF WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD ARE THE 10 MILLION  
13 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, PRESENT A SCROLL TO AVIVA IN  
14 CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF SERVING AT-RISK CHILDREN AND  
15 FAMILIES IN THE THIRD DISTRICT. THEY OPENED THEIR DOORS IN  
16 1913 AS A NURSERY AND SETTLEMENT. AVIVA, KNOWN BACK THEN AS  
17 HAMBURGER HOME IN HONOR OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE MAY COMPANY,  
18 WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE JEWISH FEDERATION IN 1919. IN 1966,  
19 THEIR MISSION CHANGED FROM A RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR LOW INCOME  
20 SINGLE WOMEN TO A THERAPEUTIC RESIDENCE FOR TEENAGE GIRLS.  
21 TODAY, AVIVA PROVIDES FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY GROUP HOME WRAP-  
22 AROUND, GANG INTERVENTION AND OTHER PREVENTION INTERVENTION  
23 AND INTENSIVE TREATMENT SERVICES. AVIVA ALSO HAS PARTICULAR  
24 EXPERTISE IN WORKING WITH COMMERCIALY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED  
25 CHILDREN AND INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE SERVICES. I WANT TO PRESENT



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1 THIS SCROLL TO AVIVA'S PRESIDENT AND C.E.O., REGINA BETTY, AND  
2 MRS. MARIA DIXON. REGINA, A SOCIAL WORKER AND THERAPIST BY  
3 TRAINING, IS A 30-YEAR VETERAN IN PREVENTION AND TREATMENT  
4 SUPPORT SERVICES. MARIA HAS BEEN AN AVIVA FOSTER PARENT SINCE  
5 2008. OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAS FOSTERED OVER 27 CHILDREN AND  
6 ADOPTED FOUR OF THEM. SHE ALSO HAS CARED FOR TWO RELATIVE  
7 CHILDREN, KEEPING THEM OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. SHE'S A  
8 TRUE HERO, AS IS REGINA. AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF AVIVA, MARIA  
9 IS IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN OUR  
10 COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS, BOTH, TO REGINA AND MARIA. PLEASE  
11 CONGRATULATE. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **REGINA BETTY:** I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR  
14 RECOGNIZING AVIVA'S WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. AVIVA BELIEVES THAT  
15 EVERY CHILD AND EVERY FAMILY IN OUR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY  
16 DESERVES A BETTER LIFE, AND WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE LEADERS  
17 THAT HAVE BEEN IN OUR PAST BECAUSE MAKING IT 100 YEARS IS NOT  
18 AN EASY THING TO DO. BUT WE PLAN ON STICKING AROUND FOR  
19 ANOTHER 100 YEARS AND DOING GOOD WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK  
20 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **MARIA DIXON:** I'M VERY HAPPY AND EXCITED TO BE PART OF THE  
23 AVIVA FAMILY OF CHILDREN SERVICE. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
24 ADOPT FOUR KIDS AND HAVING SUPPORTING, HELPING ME A LOT. EACH  
25 ONE OF THE CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE. AND A LOT OF

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1 THEM-- IT HURTS. IT'S IN MY HEART TO BE A MOM AND TAKE KIDS.  
2 IT'S EXCITING. IT'S UNIQUE. BUT AVIVA FAMILY AND CHILDREN  
3 SERVICE HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ME. AND I'M GLAD-- I DON'T HAVE  
4 MORE WORDS TO SAY, SORRY. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

5 [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP 2-H-- EXCUSE  
8 ME. YES, 2-H. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. FOR THOSE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE,  
11 BECAUSE WE HAVE A SPECIAL SET AT 11, WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE  
12 OUT WHAT TO DO. AND THE MAYOR INDICATED THAT WE WILL AT THIS  
13 MOMENT TAKE UP ITEM 2-H, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE ABILITY OF  
14 FORMERLY INCARCERATED FOLKS TO ACCESS HOUSING. THIS ACTUALLY  
15 WILL NOT BE VOTED ON FOR TWO WEEKS. SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS ASKED  
16 FOR IT TO BE CONTINUED. BUT SINCE I BELIEVE THERE ARE PEOPLE  
17 WHO HAVE COME TO THE MEETING TO TESTIFY ON THIS, I ASKED THE  
18 MAYOR IF WE COULD TAKE TESTIMONY. AND ANYONE WHO WANTS TO TALK  
19 ABOUT IT. AND THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO COME BACK IN TWO WEEKS  
20 BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE HEARD THE TESTIMONY. ARE THERE PEOPLE IN  
21 THE AUDIENCE THAT CAME TO TESTIFY ON THIS? IT USED TO BE ITEM  
22 13. IF THERE ARE, COULD YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS? ALL RIGHT, GOOD.  
23 DID YOU SIGN UP TO SPEAK FOR THIS? GOOD. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING  
24 TO THEN-- COME FORWARD TO GIVE TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM. I'M  
25 JUST GOING TO DO A BRIEF INTRODUCTION AND THEN WE'LL TAKE YOUR

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1 TESTIMONY. YES, ALL RIGHT. THE MAYOR WILL CALL YOUR NAMES SO  
2 THAT YOU'LL KNOW THE ORDER.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL CALL THE NAMES. IF YOU WANT TO  
5 SPEAK NEXT IN TWO WEEKS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK TODAY; THAT'S  
6 YOUR CHOICE. SO FIRST, DARLENE FRONTUTO. JAMES ANDERSON. LARRY  
7 DAVIS. ROBERT LUCAS. WE'LL DO ONE MINUTE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, COULD I DO AN INTRODUCTION FIRST  
10 AND THEN IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT CONTINUING, IS THAT ALL  
11 RIGHT?

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. THERE IS A VERY DETRIMENTAL  
16 CORRELATION BETWEEN HOMELESSNESS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
17 SYSTEM. PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE LIKELY  
18 TO BE ARRESTED FOR LOW LEVEL OFFENSES. THEN ONCE THEY'RE  
19 RELEASED FROM SERVING THEIR TIME, THEY HAVE THE ADDED BARRIER  
20 OF NOT BEING ABLE TO APPLY FOR FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED HOUSING,  
21 WHICH MAKES THEM MORE LIKELY TO RECIDIVATE. I BELIEVE WE HAVE  
22 AN OBLIGATION TO BE AGGRESSIVE IN REVERSING THIS CYCLE BECAUSE  
23 NOT ONLY DOES BARRING PEOPLE WITH PRIOR LOW-LEVEL OFFENSES  
24 FROM FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED HOUSING INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF  
25 THESE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, IT ALSO INCREASES

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1 THE LIKELIHOOD THEY'LL OVERCROWD THE JAILS FOR PEOPLE WHO  
2 ACTUALLY, AGAIN IN MY OPINION, DON'T BELONG THERE. IT'S MAKING  
3 IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE COUNTY, THEN, TO INCARCERATE  
4 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE COMMITTED MUCH MORE SERIOUS OFFENSES AND  
5 TRULY DO NEED TO BE KEPT OFF THE STREETS. THIS BOARD HAS MADE  
6 A COMMITMENT TO JAIL DIVERSION FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.  
7 AND TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL, WE NEED TO ALIGN OUR VERY SILOED  
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WITH THE INTENTION OF PROVIDING SERVICES  
9 AND HOUSING TO LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS SO THAT THEY ACTUALLY GET  
10 SOME HELP IN TURNING THEIR LIVES AROUND. THIS POLICY DOES NOT  
11 ALLOW ANYBODY TO JUMP THE LINE OR BE PRIORITIZED BEFORE ANYONE  
12 WHO DOES NOT HAVE A PRIOR CONVICTION. IT SIMPLY CREATES A  
13 LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHERE A PAST CONVICTION FOR A LOW LEVEL,  
14 NONVIOLENT OFFENSE DOESN'T BAR YOU FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND  
15 YEARS FROM APPLYING FOR FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED HOUSING IN L.A.  
16 COUNTY. DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY ASKED ME TO READ THIS  
17 FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH INTO THE RECORD. "THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SUPPORTS THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS  
19 KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS TO ALIGN THE POLICIES OF THE HOUSING  
20 AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE 2011  
21 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES HOUSING AND URBAN  
22 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, LESSENING THE RESTRICTIONS WOULD  
23 PROVIDE MORE HOUSING OPTIONS FOR THOSE BEING RELEASED FROM  
24 CUSTODY, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS."  
25 THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I ALSO WANTED TO APPLAUD MY  
3 COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR  
4 BRINGING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS VERY--  
5 OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF US AND SOMETHING THAT I HAVE  
6 BEEN INVOLVED IN AS FORMER LABOR SECRETARY AND ALSO SERVING AS  
7 CO-CHAIR FOR THE U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS. AND  
8 I UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THOSE THAT ARE RE-ENTERING OUR  
9 SOCIETY. AND I FOUGHT HARD TO ADDRESS THEIR HOUSING AND JOB  
10 RETENTION NEEDS. BUT I DO FEEL THAT I WANTED TO REQUEST MORE  
11 TIME TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO MY CONSTITUENTS AND TO MY VARIOUS  
12 CITIES AND HOUSING AUTHORITIES THAT ARE IN THE SAN GABRIEL  
13 VALLEY AS WELL AS THE FIRST DISTRICT. SO I APPRECIATE THE FACT  
14 THAT WE ARE GOING TO ALLOW MY OFFICE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT AND  
15 VERY MUCH WANT TO COMMEND THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE COMING HERE  
16 TODAY TO SPEAK FOR THIS MOTION. SO I APPLAUD AGAIN OUR  
17 SUPERVISORS AND ALSO REMIND ALL OF YOU THAT WE ARE WORKING ON  
18 THIS ISSUE TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
19 AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JAMES PORTER.  
22 ARIANA ALCARAZ. AND DAVID FEURTADOT.

23

24 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THAT CHILD IS  
25 SCREAMING OUT LOOKING AT THAT JACKET AND THINKING OF NOTHING

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1 BUT CANDY. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE GOT SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCE  
2 IN A LOT OF THIS. AS FAR AS TRYING TO GET BACK ON YOUR FEET  
3 AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY, THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE. THERE IS  
4 ALSO AN ELEMENT THAT PREYS ON THE PEOPLE THAT ARE TRYING TO DO  
5 THIS OUT OF SOME VERY ILL HEARTED PEER PRESSURE. IN SOME  
6 INSTANCES, SOME OF THE RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS THAT I'VE DEALT WITH  
7 AND WORKED IN, YOU HAVEN'T GOT A SHOT AT GETTING IN UNLESS  
8 YOU'VE BEEN IN JAIL. THAT DOESN'T CURE HOMELESSNESS OUT HERE.  
9 IT REALLY PARALLELS GOING TO JAIL AND PRISON. SO NOW WHAT DO  
10 WE DO? I KNOW WE HAVE SHELTERS. THERE ARE A LOT OF RESOURCES.  
11 I APPLAUD THE WORK THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING. IF YOU LOOK  
12 THROUGH THIS AGENDA AND SOME OF THESE REVISIONS, IT'S ALL  
13 TAILORED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND I APPLAUD ALL OF YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ALEXANDER PRIETO.  
16 YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **ARIANA ALCARAZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARIANA  
19 ALCARAZ. I'M A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION  
20 NETWORK. L.A. C.A.N. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION BY  
21 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS TO REMOVE EXCESS BARRIERS  
22 TO SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN THE  
23 ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS. I SUPPORT THE ELIMINATION OF ANY AND ALL  
24 PROVISIONS THAT SCREEN APPLICANTS OUT OF THE HOUSING CHOICE  
25 VOUCHER AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS DUE TO PROBATION OR PAROLE



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1 STATUS AND REDUCING THE CRIMINAL LOOK BACK PERIOD FOR DRUG  
2 OFFENSES TO NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO  
3 ARE DENIED ACCESS TO MUCH NEEDED HOUSING AND I SUPPORT YOUR  
4 EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THE MANY CHALLENGES FACED BY  
5 THOSE MOST IN NEED OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
6 EFFORTS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **JAMES PORTER:** MY NAMES IS JAMES PORTER. I'M A MEMBER OF THE  
11 LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. I'M HERE TO ALSO SUPPORT  
12 THE RECOMMENDATION FOR PROVIDING FOR BREAKING DOWN THE  
13 BARRIERS FOR HOUSING. BECAUSE DURING THESE TIMES, HARD  
14 ECONOMIC TIMES, HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT. WE ARE OPENING DOORS  
15 FOR MAKING IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GET HOUSING INSTEAD OF  
16 MAKING IT HARD FOR THEM TO GET HOUSING. THIS STOPS PEOPLE FROM  
17 BEING HOMELESS. SO I URGE COMMISSIONERS TO LOOK AT THIS HERE  
18 BECAUSE WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. IT'S TIME TO, HOW YOU SAY,  
19 ADJUST TO THE MOVEMENT. MORE HOUSING IS NEEDED, NOT TRYING TO  
20 MAKE IT HARD FOR PEOPLE TO GET HOUSING, BUT MAKE IT EASY AND  
21 PROVIDE HOUSING. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU Y'ALL FOR THIS.

22

23 **DAVID FEURTADOT:** YES, GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING  
24 US ADDRESS THIS SITUATION. MY NAME IS DAVE FEURTADOT. AND I'D  
25 JUST LIKE TO REITERATE, SUPERVISORS, THAT AS A MEMBER OF LOS

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1 ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK, THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
2 RECOMMENDATION BY COMMISSIONERS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS TO  
3 REMOVE ACCESS BARRIERS, SUBSIDIZED HOUSING AND TO INCREASE  
4 PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS. I SUPPORT THE  
5 ELIMINATION OF ANY AND ALL PROVISIONS THAT SCREEN APPLICANTS  
6 OUT OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS  
7 DUE TO PROBATION OR PAROLE STATUS. AND REDUCING THE CRIMINAL  
8 LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR DRUG OFFENSES TO NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS.  
9 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE DENIED ACCESS TO THE MUCH NEEDED  
10 HOUSING, AND I SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THE  
11 MANY CHALLENGES FACED BY THOSE WHO MOST NEED AFFORDABLE  
12 HOUSING. AND IN AN ENLIGHTENED SOCIETY, WE MUST DEAL WITH THE  
13 GOOD AND THE BAD, PEOPLE WHO ARE DEEMED FAILURES NOW GIVEN AN  
14 OPPORTUNITY TO REDEEM THEIR LIVES AND TO ADD VALUE TO THE  
15 COMMUNITY THEY LIVE IN.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **DAVID FEURTADOT:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP WHITNEY  
22 LAWRENCE. ALLEN SILVA. EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. YES, SIR?

23

24 **ALEXANDER PRIETO:** GOOD MORNING. NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF  
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY URGES THE BOARD TO PASS THIS IMPORTANT

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1 RESOLUTION. AS LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEYS, WE KNOW THAT ACCESS  
2 TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS CRUCIAL. IT IS A BEDROCK ON WHICH  
3 ECONOMIC SECURITY DEPENDS. WITHOUT IT, THE POOR FAMILIES WE  
4 SERVE EVERY DAY STRUGGLE TO ACCESS HEALTHCARE, TO OBTAIN  
5 STEADY EMPLOYMENT, TO OBTAIN BENEFITS AND TO OBTAIN  
6 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THOSE WITH CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS WHO  
7 HAVE PAID THEIR DEBT TO SOCIETY AND ARE STRUGGLING TO  
8 REINTEGRATE AND BE GOOD MOTHERS, GOOD FATHERS, SONS AND  
9 DAUGHTERS, SHOULD NOT BE DENIED THIS OPPORTUNITY. PASSING THIS  
10 WILL BENEFIT BROAD SEGMENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INCLUDING  
11 VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY, MANY OF WHOM  
12 UNFORTUNATELY DO HAVE CRIMINAL RECORDS. IN 2004, 10 PERCENT OF  
13 PRISON POPULATION WERE VETERANS AND THAT'S ONLY GROWN SINCE  
14 THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HERE,  
15 APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 9 HOMELESS PERSONS IS A VETERAN. AND THIS  
16 RESOLUTION WILL HELP THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED REINTEGRATE THEIR  
17 FAMILIES. THERE ARE OVER 2 MILLION IN AMERICA WITH A PARENT  
18 INCARCERATED.

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP SUSAN BURTON. YES,  
21 SIR.

22  
23 **ALLEN SILVA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALLEN  
24 SILVA. THE CURRENT POLICY FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY I DOESN'T  
25 HELP PAROLEES INTEGRATE BACK TO SOCIETY VERY EASILY. I AM

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1 CURRENTLY ON PAROLE AFTER BEING AWAY FROM MY FAMILY SIX YEARS.  
2 BECAUSE OF THE FAMILY AND THE SECTION 8 HOUSING, I WASN'T ABLE  
3 TO PAROLE THERE. AND NOW THAT'S A CONTINUANCE JUST LIKE  
4 INCARCERATION, AND IT KEEPS ME AWAY FROM MY FAMILY. BY  
5 CHANGING THIS POLICY, PAROLEES WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN BACK TO  
6 THEIR FAMILIES MUCH SOONER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP AMANDA  
9 SMITH. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **WHITNEY LAWRENCE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS WHITNEY LAWRENCE  
12 AND I AM COMMENTING ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION FOR  
13 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. C.H.S. IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. WE  
14 STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THIS MOTION,  
15 TO DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR H.A.C.L.A. TO ADOPT A  
16 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING POLICY CONSISTENT WITH OTHER  
17 LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND FEDERAL MINIMUM STANDARDS. WE  
18 ALSO SUPPORT ELIMINATING THE PROHIBITION ON ACCEPTING  
19 APPLICANTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON PROBATION OR PAROLE. THESE  
20 CHANGES WILL MAKE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HIGHLY VULNERABLE  
21 PEOPLE LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY AND WILL RESULT IN COST SAVINGS,  
22 AS WELL. THE CURRENT POLICY SCREENS OUT VULNERABLE PEOPLE  
23 EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING HIGH- NEED SYSTEM USERS.  
24 REALLY, THE PEOPLE WHO NEED THESE RESOURCES THE MOST AND WHO  
25 THESE RESOURCES WERE DESIGNED TO SERVE. WE KNOW THAT MOST

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1 PEOPLE WHO EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED IN  
2 LARGE PART BECAUSE OF THEIR DISABILITY AND HOMELESS STATUS. WE  
3 ALSO KNOW THAT PROBATIONERS AND PAROLEES WHO ARE HOUSED ARE  
4 SEVEN TIMES LESS LIKELY TO RECIDIVATE THAN PAROLEES AND  
5 PROBATIONERS WHO ARE HOMELESS. HOUSING NOT ONLY ENDS  
6 HOMELESSNESS, IT REDUCES COUNTY COSTS OF INCARCERATING  
7 INDIVIDUALS WITH LONG-TERM HISTORIES OF INCARCERATION AND  
8 RESTRICTIONS HAVE NO BASIS IN POLICY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHERRY BROWN. YES,  
11 MA'AM.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I DO NOT AGREE WITH  
14 THE CURRENT POLICY THAT RESTRICTS PEOPLE FROM OBTAINING  
15 SECTION 8 HOUSING PROHIBITING PEOPLE FROM OBTAINING THE  
16 HOUSING THAT WE NEED OR RETURNING TO THE FAMILIES THAT ARE  
17 CURRENTLY ON SECTION 8, BASED UPON THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS OR  
18 THE PROBATION AND PAROLE STATUS. IT CREATES OBSTACLES IN OUR  
19 PATH THAT MAKES CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REOCCURRING IN ORDER TO  
20 SURVIVE. THE POLICY RESTRICTS US FROM BEING ABLE TO REUNITE  
21 WITH OUR FAMILIES OR TO GET OUR OWN HOUSING. WE NEED HELP AS  
22 WELL AS OUR-- AND OUR OPTIONS ARE VERY LIMITED. WE NEED THE  
23 SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES IN ORDER TO CHANGE OUR LIVES. THANK  
24 YOU.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LISA  
2    PAYNE. YES, MA'AM.

3

4    **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY  
5    NAME IS EUNISSES. I'M HERE REPRESENTING DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE  
6    AND THE AMITY FOUNDATION. H.A.C.L.A. SHOULD CHANGE, IT SHOULD  
7    REDUCE ITS SECTION 8 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING STANDARDS  
8    TO WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY IN PLACE FOR THE HOMELESS PROGRAMS. A  
9    TWO-YEAR LOOKBACK PERIOD AND NO PROHIBITION OF APPLICANTS ON  
10    PROBATION OR PAROLE. DOING SO WOULD ENSURE THAT THE TWO  
11    LARGEST HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, H.A.C.L.A.  
12    AND HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, SHARE THE  
13    SAME STANDARDS FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS WHICH WILL  
14    EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO  
15    FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE. CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING IS  
16    AN OBSTACLE FOR FAMILIES ENGAGED IN THE DIFFICULT PROCESS OF  
17    SECURING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND/OR REUNIFYING AFTER A FAMILY  
18    MEMBER HAS SERVED HIS OR HER SENTENCE IN PRISON OR JAIL. BY  
19    SETTING THE SECTION 8 STANDARDS TO THE H.U.D. MINIMUM  
20    REQUIREMENTS, H.A.C.L.A. WILL POWERFULLY DEMONSTRATE  
21    COMMITMENT TO ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU  
22    VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

23

24    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MAY I ALSO CALL UP RANETTA  
25    MAXWELL. YES, SIR



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2 **JAMES ANDERSON:** HELLO MY NAME IS JAMES ANDERSON. I'M THE  
3 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR AT THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M  
4 ALSO A MEMBER ADVOCATE AND CO-CHAIR ON THE A.R.C. MEMBER  
5 BOARD. I AM HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR M.R.T. AND  
6 SHEILA KUEHL'S MOTION TO AMEND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ANNUAL  
7 PLAN FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY. I WANT TO FIRST THANK SUPERVISOR  
8 M.R.T. AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR BRINGING UP SUCH AN IMPORTANT  
9 ISSUE, ONE THAT IS CLOSE TO MYSELF PROFESSIONALLY AND  
10 PERSONALLY. AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED AND  
11 RETURNED TO A NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENT, I KNOW FIRSTHAND THE  
12 EXPERIENCE WHAT IT IS TO COME HOME TO A BROKEN HOME WITH  
13 NEGATIVE INFLUENCES, ILLEGAL ACTIVITY AND DRUGS CONSTANTLY  
14 TRYING TO WEIGH ONE DOWN. I'M HERE TO SAY NOW AS A  
15 PROFESSIONAL WHO WORKS IN THIS FIELD, WE ARE CONSTANTLY SEEING  
16 THIS AFFECT, NOT ONLY YOUTH, ADULTS, BUT A VARIETY OF  
17 INDIVIDUALS COMING HOME TRYING TO LOOK FOR A SECOND  
18 OPPORTUNITY. I AM NOW FULL-TIME STUDENT, A GOVERNOR APPOINTED  
19 TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE  
20 DELINQUENCY PRERVENTION BECAUSE I WAS GIVEN A SECOND  
21 OPPORTUNITY. HOUSING IS A NOT ONLY ROOF OVER ONE'S HEAD BUT  
22 IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY AT LIFE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LAMI  
25 GLENN. YES, MA'AM.

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1

2 **DARLENE FRONTUTO:** MY NAME IS DARLENE FRONTUTO AND I AM THE

3 OFFICE COORDINATOR AT INSIDE OUT RIDERS AND ALSO A MEMBER OF

4 THE ANTIRECIDIVISM COALITION. I'M A MOTHER FIRST AND ADVOCATE

5 OF SYSTEM REFORM AND I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO

6 AMEND LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN

7 PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR

8 SHEILA KUEHL. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC FOR ME PERSONALLY.

9 WHEN I CAME HOME FROM INCARCERATION, I WAS FORTUNATE TO RETURN

10 TO MY MOTHER'S HOUSE. THE STABILITY WAS IMPORTANT FOR ME IN

11 GETTING RE-ACQUAINTED WITH MY COMMUNITY AND MYSELF. BUT THIS

12 WASN'T PERMANENT. AND I HAD TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE AND HAVE MY

13 OWN PLACE TO CALL HOME. OWNERSHIP, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE

14 SOMETIMES TAKE FOR GRANTED, BUT IN MY CASE AND MANY CASES FOR

15 OTHERS, HAVING MY OWN PLACE WAS EMPOWERMENT. BUT EMPOWERMENT

16 SHOULDN'T HAVE TO COME WITH THIS LURKING CLOUD OF FEAR EVERY

17 TIME YOU GET SIGHT OF AN APPLICATION OR TRY TO BETTER YOUR

18 LIFE OR YOUR FAMILY. EVEN TO THIS DAY, I FEEL A LITTLE TUG IN

19 MY STOMACH WHEN I SEE THAT LITTLE BOX THAT REQUIRES A CHECK.

20 MY LIVING SITUATIONS WERE LIMITED BY RESTRICTIONS OF MY PAROLE

21 AND WHERE I COULD LIVE IN ADDITION TO BEING LIMITED IN THE

22 TYPES OF HOUSING I COULD QUALIFY FOR. AND FAST FORWARD TO NOW,

23 I'M ONE OF THE FIRST RESIDENTS AT THE A.R.C.'S COLLEGE DORM AT

24 L.A. MISSION COLLEGE. AND THERE MY APPLICATION WAS NOT PUT AT

25 THE BOTTOM OF THE STACK, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE THE

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1 POTENTIAL IN NOT ONLY ME BUT THE NEXT GENERATION WHICH WERE MY  
2 KIDS. THE A.R.C. HOUSING IS AN AVENUE TO OPPORTUNITY FOR SO  
3 MANY PEOPLE GOING TO COLLEGE FOR THE FIRST TIME. AND THERE'S  
4 SOME STRUGGLES, BUT I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT THESE STRUGGLES,  
5 THEY LEAD TO CHANGE. AND SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO DO THINGS  
6 DIFFERENTLY IN ORDER TO SEEK DIFFERENT RESULTS. AND I'M LIVING  
7 PROOF OF THAT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUSAN BURTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I'M FOUNDER AND  
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I'M  
11 HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS RELATIVE TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS AND THE  
13 MISSION OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING VOUCHER, CHOICE VOUCHER  
14 PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS. FOR YEARS, THE  
15 HOUSING AUTHORITIES HAVE PRACTICED A DISCRETION POLICY. AND  
16 FOR MANY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, DISCRETION MEANS DENIAL. IN  
17 SOME INSTANCES AFTER SERVING THEIR SENTENCES, PEOPLE ARE  
18 SUBJECT TO A LIFE SENTENCE. WE ARE RESTRICTED FROM VOTING,  
19 LIMITED ACCESS TO SERVICES. WE CONSTRAIN THEIR OPPORTUNITIES  
20 FOR EMPLOYMENT. AND THEN WE ACT SURPRISED WHEN THEY RETURN TO  
21 PRISON. THE CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA RECENTLY PASSED PROPOSITION  
22 47. WITH THIS ACT, WE HAVE SEEN THE RELEASE OF THOUSANDS OF  
23 FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE, BOTH FROM LOCAL AND STATE  
24 PRISONS. IN ADDITION, WITH THE RECENT PASSAGE OF A.B.109, WE  
25 HAVE SEEN RE-ALIGNMENT IN MANY-- OF MANY STATE INMATES OF

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1 CUSTODY. THE DATA-- WHAT THE DATA HAS SHOWN IS THAT OUR CRIME  
2 RATES ARE CONTINUING TO DECLINE. INDEED, RECENT STUDIES HAVE  
3 CHALLENGED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PUBLIC SAFETY AND MASS  
4 INCARCERATION. I JUST GOT STARTED, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I KNOW.

7

8 **SUSAN BURTON:** CAN I GET ANOTHER MINUTE FROM YOU?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE TOO MANY SPEAKING. WE HAVE A  
11 SET ITEM AT 11 THAT WE HAVE TO GO TO.

12

13 **SUSAN BURTON:** SOMEBODY JUST GAVE ME THEIR TWO MINUTES. DIDN'T  
14 THEY?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE PERSON'S NAME?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DES ZAHIRAH MANN WANT TO GIVE SUSAN  
19 ANOTHER MINUTE? ZAHIRAH?

20

21 **SUSAN BURTON:** A NEW WAY OF LIFE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS ZAHIRAH GOING TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER  
24 MINUTE.

25

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1   **SUSAN BURTON:** A NEW WAY OF LIFE IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN THE  
2   PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS PILOT PROGRAM  
3   SEEKS TO REUNITE INDIVIDUALS LEAVING INCARCERATION WITH THEIR  
4   FAMILY THAT ARE IN THE CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM. WE HAVE SEEN  
5   MUCH SUCCESS WITH THE PROGRAM, AND MANY FAMILIES HAVE BEEN  
6   REUNITED AND NOT KEPT APART BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICE. I HAVE  
7   ATTACHED HERE, ALONG WITH MY ENTIRE TESTIMONY, A COPY OF THE  
8   H.A.C.L.A. POLICY FOR YOUR REVIEW. AND A COPY OF THE  
9   INTERAGENCY CONSOLE THAT LIMITS-- THAT TALKS ABOUT CRIMINAL  
10   BACKGROUND HISTORY. IT DOES NOT PREDICT WHETHER A PERSON WILL  
11   FAIL OR SUCCEED UPON STAYING HOUSED. FOR YOUR REVIEW, I'M  
12   SUBMITTING A COPY OF THIS REPORT IN THIS POST PROP 47 AND  
13   A.B.109 PERIOD. MUCH OF THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS LYING  
14   ON THE COUNTY. AND WE NEED TO BE WISE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

17

18   **SUSAN BURTON:** AND, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT JUST SAYING THIS  
19   FROM--

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND.

22

23   **SUSAN BURTON:** AN EXPERIENCED PERSON. I'M FORMERLY INCARCERATED  
24   MYSELF. AND I LOVE THAT TEAL. THAT JACKET YOU GOT ON THERE.

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1 IT'S EXCITING. [LAUGHTER.] I JUST WANT MORE CONVERSATION AND  
2 LOOKING AT THIS POLICY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I'LL TRY TO WEAR IT IN TWO  
5 WEEKS.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** MR. MAYOR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS SPEAKER,  
8 AND THANK YOU TO WHOMEVER GAVE HER THE EXTRA MINUTE, IF YOU  
9 ARE LIKE ME A READER OF THE L.A. TIMES, NOT TOO LONG AGO THEY  
10 CHOSE VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS THE  
11 GREAT LEADERS AND THE REAL HEROES OF THE COUNTY, AND YOU WERE  
12 ONE OF THEM. AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.  
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SHERRY BROWN:** MY NAME IS SHERRY BROWN. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF  
16 THE AMITY FOUNDATION AND I'M SUPPORTING THE MOTION BY  
17 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING. I'M IN  
18 RECOVERY FOR THREE YEARS. I RECENTLY PAROLED OUT OF PRISON  
19 JANUARY 20TH. I WENT INTO A RE-ENTRY PROGRAM WHICH IS HELPING  
20 ME A LOT. UPON THERE, I PLAN ON GETTING MY OWN HOUSING SECTION  
21 8 TO GET MY LIFE BACK ON TRACK, AND I CAN'T DO THAT WITHOUT  
22 THE SUPPORT OF YOU ALL. AND NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF BUT FOR THE  
23 PEOPLE THAT ARE WITH ME. WE ALL MADE MISTAKES. BUT WE LEARN  
24 FROM THEM. AND SOME OF US DO WANT OUR LIVES BACK ON TRACK AND  
25 WE NEED THE HELP FROM YOU ALL. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARLON  
3 ANDERSON AND CHAD HORSFORD. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **LISA PAYNE:** HI MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN  
6 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING AND WE ARE IN  
7 STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. OUR AFFORDABLE DEVELOPERS ARE  
8 PARTNERS WITH THE COUNTY IN PROVIDING FOR THE SOCIAL SAFETY  
9 NET. AND FOR PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH A SECOND CHANCE. WE HOUSE  
10 THE MENTALLY ILL. WE HOUSE THE FORMERLY HOMELESS. WE HOUSE  
11 VETERANS. WE HOUSE TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. AND MANY OF THOSE  
12 PEOPLE, MANY OF THEM NEED A SECOND CHANCE. AND HOUSING IS  
13 CRITICAL TO PROVIDING THEM WITH THAT. WE'RE STRONG PARTNERS  
14 WITH H.A.C.L.A. AND THE C.D.C. ON THIS, AS WELL. AND WE WOULD  
15 HOPE THAT SUPPORTING THIS MOTION WILL MAKE THIS JOB EASIER.  
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **LAMAR GLENN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAMAR GLENN. AND I  
19 DON'T HAVE NO SPEECH OR NOTHING, SO I'M JUST SHOOTING FROM THE  
20 HIP. TWO WEEKS AGO TODAY I WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON AFTER  
21 DOING EXTENDED PRISON TERM. I JUST REMEMBER THE RELIEF OF  
22 BEING RELEASED. YOU KNOW, I HAD THE SUPPORT OF MY GIRLFRIEND,  
23 HER FAMILY, HER KIDS, HER NIECES AND NEPHEWS. I REMEMBER THE  
24 RIDE BACK AND SPENDING TIME TALKING TO THEM. AND BEING AT THE  
25 HOUSE, I GRABBED THE FOOTBALL AND WAS ABLE TO THROW FOOTBALL



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1 WITH MY NEPHEW AND STUFF LIKE THAT. I JUST REMEMBER THE  
2 FEELING. BUT THAT WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM ME BECAUSE OF HER  
3 SECTION 8. AND NOW I'M IN A PROGRAM FOR PAROLE CONDITIONS. I'M  
4 TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND NOT REOFFEND AND VIOLATE MY  
5 PAROLE. BUT THE HARDSHIP IS CREATED IS PUTTING ME AWAY FROM MY  
6 FAMILY. MY GIRLFRIEND IS HALFWAY OUT THE DOOR BECAUSE OF THIS  
7 SITUATION. SO I JUST WANT TO SHARE MY STORY. THIS IS WHY. THIS  
8 IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY WE NEED THIS MEASURE TO GO THROUGH.  
9 THANKS. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **RANETTA MAXWELL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RANETTA MAXWELL AND  
12 I'M CURRENTLY A RESIDENT AT THE AMITY FOUNDATION. I WAS  
13 RELEASED ON PAROLE A COUPLE YEARS AGO AND THINGS HAVE BEEN--  
14 THEY'VE BEEN KIND OF ROCKY. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I  
15 APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING US A PLATFORM FOR US TO BE ABLE TO  
16 EXPRESS OURSELVES AND SHARE OUR FEELINGS. ABOUT WANTING TO  
17 REUNITE ABOUT OUR FAMILY AND OUR LOVED ONES AND THIS GIVES US  
18 THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. ALSO, BEING A FEMALE AND BEING A  
19 MINORITY CAN BE COMPLICATED, ALSO. SO I DID WANT TO  
20 APPRECIATE, LET YOU GUYS KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE YOU GIVING US  
21 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT WE DON'T WANT TO  
22 BE INVOLVED IN RECIDIVISM. WE WANT TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF  
23 SOCIETY AND BE ABLE TO BE SUPPORTED BY OUR FAMILY AND THEN IN  
24 THE FUTURE BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM BACK AND EXPRESS BACK THAT  
25 LOVE AND SUPPORT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP PAMELA  
3 MARSHALL AND ZAHIRAH MAN. THE PERSON WHO GAVE UP THEIR TIME  
4 FOR SUSAN BURTON WAS LARRY FOY. THANK YOU, LARRY. OKAY. LARRY  
5 GATES IS THE ONE WHO GAVE UP HIS TIME. OKAY.

6

7 **MARLON ANDERSON:** YES, SIR. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
8 IS MARLON ANDERSON. I'M CURRENTLY ON PAROLE AND STUDENT IN  
9 RESIDENCE AT THE AMITY FOUNDATION WHICH IS A THERAPEUTIC  
10 COMMUNITY FOR WOMEN AND MEN COMING OUT OF PRISON AND JAILS.  
11 THE CURRENT POLICIES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY CREATE AN  
12 OBSTACLE FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. I'M CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF  
13 BETTERING MYSELF AND MY LIFE. I WANT TO BE THERE FOR MY FAMILY  
14 AND MY KIDS, BUT THE CURRENT HOUSING AUTHORITY POLICIES  
15 PREVENT ME FROM DOING SO. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE POLICIES  
16 CHANGED SO MEN AND WOMEN COMING OUT OF INCARCERATION CAN BE  
17 REUNITED WITH THEIR LOVED ONES MUCH SOONER. IT WOULD ALSO  
18 CREATE BED SPACE IN FACILITIES LIKE AMITY FOR THOSE COMING  
19 HOME WHO REALLY ARE HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
22 PAMELA MARSHALL. YES, MA'AM.

23

24 **PAMELA MARSHALL:** MY NAME IS PAMELA MARSHALL. I'M HERE WITH A  
25 NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I AM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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1 FOR OUR REENTRYFAMILY REUNIFICATION AND PILOT PROGRAM IN  
2 COLLABORATION WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS  
3 ANGELES AND THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFFS. OUR PROGRAMS  
4 SUCCESSFULLY REUNITE FORMERLY INCARCERATED WITH THEIR FAMILIES  
5 MEMBERS LIVING IN SECTION 8 HOUSING WITH THE CITY OF LOS  
6 ANGELES AND WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A MODEL TO  
7 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HOUSING AUTHORITY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LARRY FOY.

10

11 **LARRY FOY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M LARRY FOY, THE  
12 POLICY DIRECTOR FOR NEW WAY OF LIFE. AND WE'RE HERE TO EXPRESS  
13 OUR SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION.  
14 H.U.D. PLACES TWO SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS THAT DENY ACCESS TO  
15 PUBLIC HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS. ONE, THE  
16 MANUFACTURING OR PRODUCING OF METHAMPHETAMINE. AND, TWO, SEX  
17 OFFENDERS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO LIFETIME REGISTRATION ON THE  
18 STATE SEX OFFENDERS' REGISTRATION PROGRAM. H.A.C.L.A. HOWEVER  
19 HAS EXTENDED THESE RESTRICTIONS TO INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF  
20 CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES AND CONVICTIONS THAT REACH FAR BEYOND  
21 ESTABLISHED H.U.D. POLICY. A CASE IN POINT. H.A.C.L.A. STATES  
22 THAT ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF ANY APPLICANT FAMILY  
23 MEMBER INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTS INCLUDING DRUG-RELATED  
24 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY CAN BE USED AS A DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE  
25 SCREENING OF APPLICANTS. WE FEEL THAT THIS APPROACH IS BEING

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1 USED IN A BROAD MANNER TO UNDULY FRUSTRATE, NULLIFY AND  
2 EXCLUDE PEOPLE WITH PAST CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FROM ACCESSING  
3 PUBLIC HOUSING. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MATTER CAN BE CORRECTED  
4 BY H.A.C.O.L.A. HOUSING AUTHORITY BY TAKING THE FOLLOWING  
5 STEPS. ELIMINATING ANY AND ALL PROVISIONS SCREENING APPLICANTS  
6 OUT OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER AND PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMS  
7 DUE TO PROBATION AND PAROLE STATUS. ELIMINATE THE CRIMINAL  
8 PERIOD TIMEFRAME FOR PRIOR DRUG OFFENSES AND EVALUATING  
9 APPLICANTS, CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF VIOLENT CRIMES. CEASE  
10 AND DESIST FROM USING ARREST AS MATERIAL EVALUATION PROCESS  
11 AND DENIAL FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING AND REMOVE ALL BARRIERS TO  
12 HOUSING CONFORM TO H.U.D. POLICY REGULATIONS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP D. KHOSIAN.  
15 ZAHIRAH MANN.

16

17 **ZAHIRAH MANN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ZAHIRAH MANN. I'M WITH  
18 UNITED WAY OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. AND I'M HERE SPEAKING IN  
19 SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. IN  
21 MY WORK WITH UNITED WAY, I WORK ON HOME FOR GOOD, WHICH IS AN  
22 INITIATIVE BETWEEN UNITED WAY AND THE L.A. AREA CHAMBER OF  
23 COMMERCE INVOLVING MANY OTHER PARTNERS TO END CHRONIC AND  
24 VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. H.A.C.L.A. HAS BEEN A  
25 STRONG PARTNER IN HOME FOR GOOD AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE THESE

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1 CHANGES. HOMELESSNESS IS A COUNTYWIDE ISSUE REQUIRING  
2 COUNTYWIDE MEASURES. 90 PERCENT OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS LIVE  
3 OUTSIDE OF SKID ROW, AND THE CHANGES BEFORE YOU TODAY ARE THE  
4 FIRST STEPS TO ENDING CHRONIC AND VETERAN HOMELESSNESS. KEY TO  
5 THESE CHANGES ARE ELIMINATING ANY AND ALL PROVISIONS SCREENING  
6 APPLICANTS OUT OF THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM DUE TO  
7 PROBATION AND PAROLE STATUS. THROUGH OUR WORK ON COORDINATED  
8 ENTRY SYSTEM WE HAVE COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS ALL ACROSS THE  
9 COUNTY AT A S.P.A. LEVEL AND WE KNOW THE DIFFERENCE THAT THESE  
10 CHANGES WILL MAKE TO ALL THAT H.A.C.L.A. SERVES. THANK YOU FOR  
11 THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR SUPPORT.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TIFFANY  
14 JOHNSON AND ARNOLD SACHS YES, MA'AM.

15  
16 **SPEAKER:** HI. I WAS HERE LAST WEEK. I'LL BE HERE EVERY WEEK,  
17 YOU KNOW. BUT I FIGURE HOW TO WIN YOUR KIDS BECAUSE I DON'T  
18 HAVE MY KIDS. SO MAYBE IF I BECOME A CRIMINAL. BECAUSE I'M  
19 STILL LOOKING FOR MY KIDS. I STILL HAVEN'T TALKED TO THEM. SO  
20 I'M OPPOSED TO PUBLIC HOUSING BECAUSE IF SOMEBODY WHO IS IN  
21 PUBLIC HOUSING WHO SAY, I WANT TO KILL MY KIDS AND MY KIDS ARE  
22 GONE NOW FOR 76 DAYS TODAY. 76 DAYS. TWO GIRLS, 9 AND 11 YEARS  
23 OLD. I CAN'T TALK TO THEM. MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS WERE TAKEN  
24 AWAY FROM JUDGE ZEBLER. I CAN'T APPEAL IT BECAUSE HIS  
25 BOYFRIEND WORKS FOR THE APPEALS COURT AND MY KIDS ARE STUCK.

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1 THEY'RE WITH A HEROIN ADDICT NAMED FRAN RAMIREZ IN LAS VEGAS,  
2 AND THEY WANT THEIR MOTHER. I WANT MY KIDS. I WANT MY KIDS. I  
3 WANT MY KIDS! WHY ARE THEY BEING KEPT FROM ME?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **TIFFANY JOHNSON:** HI, MY NAME TIFFANY JOHNSON. I AM FORMERLY  
8 INCARCERATED. FORMER RESIDENT OF NEW WAY OF LIFE AND I AM  
9 CURRENTLY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF NEW WAY OF LIFE. AND I AM HERE  
10 TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-  
11 THOMAS FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE  
12 BECAUSE, FIRST AFTER ALL, WE WANT TO GET OUT AND GET OUR LIFE  
13 BACK TOGETHER. SOCIETY SAID WE ARE REHABILITATED ONCE WE LEAVE  
14 THE PRISON SYSTEM. SO ONCE WE COME OUT, THERE ARE ALL THESE  
15 BARRIERS. WE HAVE TO HAVE A JOB. WE HAVE TO HAVE HOUSING. BUT  
16 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A JOB, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE A  
17 BACKGROUND CHECK, RIGHT? WELL WE GO THROUGH THAT. WE HAVE OUR  
18 STRUGGLES. BUT WE OBTAIN. WE OVERCOME THAT. BUT THEN THERE'S  
19 THE PROBLEM WITH THE HOUSING. SO ALL WE ARE ASKING IS FOR A  
20 FAIR CHANCE. NOT A HANDOUT OR JUST A FAIR OPPORTUNITY. AND  
21 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING WILL ACTUALLY HELP AN INDIVIDUAL TO CREATE  
22 THE LIFE THAT THEY WANT AND THAT WE CAN BEST BENEFIT FROM WITH  
23 SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AFTER MR. SACHS, NICOLE  
2    PARSON IN LANCASTER WILL JOIN ON VIDEO. MR. SACHS?

3

4    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS AND A  
5    FEW THINGS. MISS KUEHL IN YOUR INTRODUCTION YOU MENTIONED  
6    CRIMINALIZATION AND HOMELESSNESS GOING TOGETHER. BUT YOU LEFT  
7    OUT THE MENTAL ILLNESS COMPOSITION OF THE CRIMINALIZATION AND  
8    THE HOMELESSNESS. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT FOR YOU.  
9    THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE NOW FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING AND THE  
10    VOUCHERS, THERE'S SHORTAGE. AGAIN, LAST WEEK YOU MENTIONED IN  
11    YOUR PRESENTATION THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING COMMUNITY AID FOR  
12    FOOD, THEY'RE SPENDING 70 PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME ON  
13    AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SO WITH THIS NEW CHANGE, HOW MUCH IN  
14    RESOURCES WILL BECOME AVAILABLE, INCREASED RESOURCES WILL  
15    BECOME AVAILABLE FOR VOUCHERS? SOMEBODY MENTIONED H.A.C.L.A.  
16    WHICH IS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF CITY OF L.A. AND H.A.C.O.L.A  
17    WHICH IS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF L.A. THAT  
18    SOUNDS LIKE A SILO RIGHT THERE. WHY DON'T YOU ELIMINATE THAT  
19    SILO AND GET THEM WORKING TOGETHER INSTEAD OF OPPOSITE  
20    DIRECTION? AND IN YOUR THIRD PARAGRAPH YOU MENTIONED COMMUNITY  
21    INTEREST. THERE ARE 88 CITIES INCORPORATED IN THE COUNTY OF  
22    LOS ANGELES. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO INVOLVE THOSE 88 CITIES IN  
23    THIS VOUCHER PROGRAM TO GIVE OUT VOUCHERS? YOU HAVE AFFORDABLE  
24    HOUSING FOR VETERANS, LOW INCOME, SENIOR, DISABLED. THEY ALL  
25    HAVE LINES IN THEM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOW ARE YOU GOING



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1 TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AVAILABLE WITH  
2 \$4.5 MILLION, WHICH IS CHICKEN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. NICOLE?

5

6 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES? HI.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICOLE?

9

10 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **NICOLE PARSON:** GOOD MORNING. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THIS ITEM IS  
15 HERE. THERE'S AN ORDINANCE THAT, I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S 385 BUT  
16 IT CAME FROM THIS MUNICIPALITY BUT OVERALL IT VIOLATES CIVIL,  
17 THE FEDERAL-- COMMUNICATION-- COMMUNITY CIVIL VOTING RIGHT AND  
18 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EQUAL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITES FOR HOUSING  
19 OKAY. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY RIGHT NOW. AND THEN  
20 ACTUALLY THERE IS THIS. AND THEN THERE IS THIS, I DON'T THINK  
21 YOU CAN SEE IT BUT WE'LL JUST GO FOR THIS RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICOLE, OKAY. STAY AROUND AND YOU HAVE  
24 SIGNED UP FOR I'M SURE PUBLIC COMMENT. SO STAY THERE AND AT

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1 THE END WHEN WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TALK  
2 AGAIN, OKAY? THANK YOU, NICOLE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I WASN'T CERTAIN IF THE WOMAN WHO WAS WAITING BY  
5 THE BOARD HAD SIGNED UP TO SPEAK? I THINK SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE  
6 THOUGHT SHE DID. SHE DID SIGN UP? PLEASE COME UP. THANK YOU.

7

8 **KEISHA DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KEISHA DAVIS. AND I'M  
9 A RESIDENT AT THE NEW WAY OF LIFE, SUSAN BURTON. I'M NOT GOING  
10 TO TAKE UP TOO MUCH TIME. I JUST WANTED TO SAY I DID A SIX-  
11 YEAR TERM FOR A VIOLENT CRIME AND I WAS DENIED MY SECTION 8.  
12 SO I'M TRYING TO GET MY KIDS BACK. I'VE BEEN HOME 10 MONTHS.  
13 AND IN ORDER FOR ME TO GET THEM BACK, I HAVE TO BE STABLE. AND  
14 I THINK NOT ONLY DO I DESERVE A CHANCE, BUT SO DO MY BABIES.  
15 AND I FEEL LIKE I'M STILL BEING JUDGED BECAUSE OF MY PAST  
16 BECAUSE IT'S NOT WHO I AM TODAY. AND I JUST WANT A CHANCE, YOU  
17 KNOW, TO JUST CONTINUE TO PROSPER AND HAVE SOMEWHERE TO LIVE,  
18 ME AND MY BABIES. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK  
23 THE TIME TO COME HERE, THE TRAVEL TIME, THE THINKING TIME, THE  
24 EXTRA TIME, THE PARKING TIME, THE WAITING TIME TO TESTIFY ON  
25 THIS VERY IMPORTANT MOTION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I ARE

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1 VERY PLEASED TO BRING IT TO TRY TO MAKE A SMALL CORRECTION TO  
2 A SYSTEM SO THAT WE REMOVE YET ANOTHER, HOPEFULLY, BARRIER TO  
3 THOSE WHO ARE IN TRANSITION AND THEREFORE VULNERABLE AS ARE  
4 ALL PEOPLE IN TRANSITION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
5 TESTIMONY. WE WILL TAKE THIS UP AGAIN IN TWO WEEKS FOR A VOTE.  
6 I FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT OUR POSSIBILITIES. BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.  
7 DON'T FEEL YOU HAVE TO COME BACK TO REPEAT YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
8 HEARD YOU. AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT YOU WERE HERE. THANK  
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND  
14 COLLEAGUES. MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING. WHAT YOU HAVE  
15 JUST WITNESSED IS A DISPLAY OF HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS. WHEN  
16 PEOPLE CAN COME AND VOICE THEIR OPINIONS IN THEIR OWN SELF-  
17 INTEREST AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH THEY  
18 ARE A PART, ATTEMPTING TO RESTORE A SENSE OF WHOLENESS AND  
19 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR FAMILIES IS  
20 IMPORTANT. IT'S FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. THE CONTENT OF THIS  
21 MATTER WILL BE RE-VISITED AND IT OUGHT TO BE. AND FOR THOSE  
22 WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IT, JUST KNOW THAT YOU OUGHT TO BE  
23 WILLING TO SEE IT ALL THE WAY THROUGH. WHEN WE RECONVENE IN  
24 TWO WEEKS, IT IS NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU BEING HERE TO  
25 PARTICIPATE, TO WITNESS AND TO, IN FACT, CAUSE THIS MATTER TO

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1 BE ADOPTED. I'LL RESERVE MY COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE  
2 CONTENT, BUT I WILL SIMPLY SAY THAT IT WILL INDEED ENHANCE THE  
3 ABILITY OF THOSE ENTITIES, GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT ARE  
4 RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE SAID SUBJECT TO WORK MORE  
5 EFFECTIVELY TO ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WHO DESERVE TO BE  
6 ACCOMMODATED AND THEREBY I WOULD JUST SIMPLY OFFER THE  
7 PERSPECTIVE THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF  
8 THIS NATION TO ESSENTIALLY NOT ENGAGE IN DISCRIMINATORY  
9 PRACTICES AND AT THE SAME TIME MOVE FORWARD WITH A HIGHER  
10 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE. THAT WILL NOT VITIATE THE  
11 POTENTIAL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. MORE TO BE SAID ON THAT. IT'S AN  
12 IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION ON A  
13 COUPLE OF WEEKS. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO  
14 PARTICIPATED, THE MAKER OF THE MOTION AND ALL OF THE BOARD  
15 MEMBERS WHO ARE ATTENTIVE TO THE MATTER AT HAND. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED TO CONTINUE THAT  
18 FOR TWO WEEKS. OKAY. OUR SET ITEM? IF WE COULD HAVE THE REPORT  
19 FROM THE C.E.O.?

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS  
22 OF THE BOARD. THIS IS A SET ITEM, S-1, WHICH IS ALSO ATTACHED  
23 TO ITEM NO. 18 TODAY. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE CONFRONT  
24 DISASTERS OF EVERY SORT: EARTHQUAKES, FIRES, FLOODS,  
25 MUDSLIDES. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS HAS BECOME A CRUCIAL PART OF

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1 OUR REGION'S D.N.A., BECAUSE IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER  
2 SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN BUT WHEN IT WILL HAPPEN. TO THAT END, IN  
3 2009, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAME A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LOS  
4 ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM,  
5 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS L.A.-R.I.C.S. IN COLLABORATION WITH 73  
6 MEMBER AGENCIES, THE GOAL HAS BEEN TO BUILD A MODERN  
7 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES AND FIRST  
8 RESPONDERS FOR DAY-TO-DAY USE. SOME HAVE TERMED THIS SYSTEM  
9 "THE SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS." BUT MORE IMPORTANT IT IS DESIGNED TO  
10 ENSURE THAT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS CAN EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE  
11 DURING DISASTERS. L.A.-R.I.C.S. HAS BEEN REALLY ABOUT BUILDING  
12 TWO SYSTEMS: THE FIRST KNOWN AS LONG-TERM EVOLUTION, OR  
13 L.T.E., IS DEDICATED BROADBAND NETWORK EXCLUSIVELY FOR PUBLIC  
14 SAFETY AGENCIES, ONE THAT WILL STAND DISASTER CONDITIONS AND  
15 ALLOW FIRST RESPONDERS TO SEND LIFESAVING DATA WHEN COMMERCIAL  
16 BROADBAND NETWORKS ARE OVERLOADED BY THE PUBLIC OR OTHERWISE  
17 UNAVAILABLE. THE SECOND IS CALLED LAND MOBILE RADIO, OR  
18 L.M.R., WHICH ALLOWS FOR REGIONAL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SO WE  
19 DON'T REPEAT THE EXPERIENCE SUFFERED BY FIRST RESPONDERS  
20 DURING HURRICANE KATRINA OR 9/11 WHEN THEY DID NOT HAVE THE  
21 CRUCIAL ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER. ON FEBRUARY  
22 10TH YOUR BOARD ASKED IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATUS OF  
23 L.T.E. BROADBAND SYSTEM WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.  
24 THOSE QUESTIONS PRIMARILY CONCERNED THE POTENTIAL  
25 EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS SYSTEM GIVEN THAT SOME MUNICIPALITIES

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1 HAVE ELECTED NOT TO PARTICIPATE. THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN  
2 ADDRESSED, AND WE HAVE EXPERTS HERE TODAY TO FURTHER CLARIFY  
3 THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU RAISED. LAST WEEK, YOU ALSO NOTED SOME  
4 ADDITIONAL CONCERNS, INCLUDING WHETHER THE SYSTEM IS SAFE FOR  
5 FIREFIGHTERS AND RESIDENTS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE L.T.E.  
6 ANTENNAS. SINCE THESE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WILL BE USED BY  
7 OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HEAR  
8 DIRECTLY FROM OUR SHERIFF AND OUR FIRE CHIEF ON WHY THEY THINK  
9 THAT L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS IMPORTANT TO THEIR AGENCIES AND TO THE  
10 PUBLIC AT LARGE. WITH THAT INTRODUCTION, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO  
11 SHERIFF MCDONALD AND FIRE CHIEF OSBY.

12

13 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU  
14 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE VALUE  
15 OF L.A.-R.I.C.S. WITH MORE THAN 4,000 SQUARE MILES TO PROTECT  
16 IN L.A. COUNTY, L.A.S.D., THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
17 MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION. ONE DAY IT MAY  
18 BE A FLEEING SUSPECT IN A HIGH SPEED CAR CHASE, THE NEXT DAY  
19 IT MAY BE A RAGING WILDFIRE OR AN EARTHQUAKE OR OTHER NATURAL  
20 OR MAN- MADE DISASTER. IN EACH CASE, FAST, RELIABLE  
21 COMMUNICATION WITH MORE THAN 50 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,  
22 EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND THE PUBLIC IS IMPERATIVE. WE OWE IT  
23 TO OUR COMMUNITY TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO RESPOND AND ADDRESS  
24 THEIR NEEDS OUTSIDE OF OUR RESPECTIVE SILOS. WHAT EXACTLY CAN  
25 HAPPEN DURING A MAJOR CRISIS OR NATURAL DISASTER? WE LOSE CELL

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1 SITES. WE LOSE THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WHEN WE NEED IT  
2 MOST. AND OUR COUNTY FINDS ITSELF IN A STATE OF PARALYSIS.  
3 THESE ARE NOT HYPOTHETICALS. WE LIVE IN A COUNTY WITH THE  
4 POTENTIAL FOR A BIG EARTHQUAKE ANY DAY NOW. IT WOULD BE  
5 IRRESPONSIBLE FOR US TO WAIT FOR THAT DAY TO COME AND TO FAIL  
6 TO ADEQUATELY ARM OUR PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO BE ON  
7 THE READY TO RESPOND. OUR COUNTY HAS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO  
8 ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS BY MOVING FORWARD WITH THE STATE-OF-  
9 THE-ART PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. AND WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO  
10 DO SO IN A MANNER THAT'S FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IF  
11 WE FAIL TO ACT, WE'RE UNLIKELY TO SEE THIS OPPORTUNITY PRESENT  
12 ITSELF AGAIN, AND WE STAND TO LOSE OVER \$150 MILLION IN  
13 FEDERAL MONIES. L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS A DEDICATED PUBLIC- SAFETY  
14 GRADE L.T.E. DATA SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY AND EXCLUSIVELY AVAILABLE  
15 FOR THE COORDINATION OF POTENTIALLY LIFESAVING EMERGENCY  
16 RESPONSE. L.A.-R.I.C.S. WILL SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE PUBLIC  
17 SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND WILL BECOME A MODEL FOR THE ENTIRE  
18 NATION. L.A.-R.I.C.S. WILL ALLOW MY DEPARTMENT AND ALL FIRST  
19 RESPONDERS IN THE REGION TO COMMUNICATE, COORDINATE AND  
20 RESPOND. DURING DISASTERS WHEN COMMUNICATION LINES ARE  
21 IMPACTED, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS WILL HAVE A DEDICATED OPEN  
22 LINE OF COMMUNICATION WHEN IT'S MOST NEEDED. AND THAT  
23 ULTIMATELY WILL HELP KEEP THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY SAFER  
24 AND MORE SECURE. LET ME ALSO BE CLEAR, I TAKE QUITE SERIOUSLY  
25 THE CONVERSATION AROUND THE HEALTH CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 EXPRESSED, AND I SHOULD NOTE THAT THE POLES TO BE INSTALLED  
2 WILL BE ON SHERIFF'S STATIONS AS WELL AS PUBLIC FACILITIES AND  
3 OTHER LOCALES. SIGNIFICANTLY, BOTH L.A.S.D. UNIONS, A.L.A.D.S.  
4 AND P.P.O.A. ARE AWARE OF THE POLES AND HAVE NOT EXPRESSED  
5 CONCERNS ABOUT MOVING FORWARD. BUT WHETHER OR NOT OTHERS ARE  
6 OKAY WITH THIS, IF I THOUGHT THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. SYSTEM POSED A  
7 HEALTH THREAT TO MY DEPUTIES OR THE PUBLIC, I WOULD BE THE  
8 FIRST ONE STANDING TO OPPOSE IT. IN MAKING THAT DECISION, I  
9 LOOKED AT THE FACTS. BUT THESE ARE NOT FACTS AS I OR LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT SEE THEM, BUT THE FACTS AS PRESENTED BY EXPERTS,  
11 THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,  
12 THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AMONG OTHERS. EACH OF THESE  
13 INDEPENDENT AND OUTSIDE EXPERTS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT L.A.-  
14 R.I.C.S. SITE SIGNALS SIMPLY ARE NOT A HEALTH CONCERN. THE  
15 R.F. WAVES WILL NOT CAUSE D.N.A. DAMAGE OR HEALTH PROBLEMS.  
16 THE TYPICAL L.A.-R.I.C.S. SITE SIGNAL LEVELS AT GROUND LEVEL  
17 ARE EXPECTED TO BE 1,000 TIMES LESS THAN THE F.C.C. LIMITS.  
18 THIS TRANSLATES TO AN EXPOSURE RATE FAR LESS THAN MOST PEOPLE  
19 WILL EVER ENCOUNTER IN THEIR HOMES OR IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. IN  
20 SHORT, THE RESEARCH HAS THUS FAR INDICATED THAT THE TRUE  
21 PUBLIC SAFETY THREAT WE FACE IN THIS MATTER IS NOT A HEALTH  
22 CRISIS BUT A POTENTIAL CRISIS IN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION IF WE  
23 DO NOT MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY AND IMPROVE THE  
24 COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE ENTIRE L.A. REGION. LET  
25 ME NOTE THE DECISION TO MOVE FORWARD DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE'RE

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1    TURNING ON THIS SYSTEM TOMORROW. THAT WON'T HAPPEN UNTIL ALL  
2    R.F.MODELING AT EACH OF THE 177 SITES IS COMPLETED AND TESTED  
3    AND PROVEN SAFE BY R.F. ENGINEERS. AND THAT TIMELINE WILL  
4    PROVIDE US AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET WITH OUR COMMUNITY,  
5    ADDRESS THEIR FEARS AND CONCERNS, AND RE-VISIT OUR DECISIONS  
6    IF TRUE EVIDENCE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS WERE TO ARISE. THE  
7    COMMUNITY INPUT ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN RAISED, I THINK WE  
8    COULDN'T HAVE DONE A BETTER JOB IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT  
9    ARE RAISED NOW AT THE LAST MINUTE. AND CERTAINLY IF THERE'S AN  
10    OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT IN A WAY THAT'S SENSITIVE TO  
11    THE TIME CONSTRAINTS PLACED ON THIS PROJECT BY CONGRESS, THEN  
12    WE SHOULD DO THAT IMMEDIATELY. L.A.-R.I.C.S. WILL  
13    SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS AND IS THE  
14    MOST COMPREHENSIVE UNDERTAKING OF ITS KIND IN THE NATION. BY  
15    IMPROVING THE COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE ENTIRE LA  
16    REGION, L.A.-R.I.C.S. WILL ALLOW PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL TO  
17    ENHANCE EMERGENCY INCIDENT COORDINATION, SUPPORT FASTER,  
18    IMPROVED COORDINATION OF LARGE-SCALE RESPONSES TO EMERGENCIES  
19    SUCH AS TERRORISM, WILDFIRES, EARTHQUAKES AND OTHER DISASTERS,  
20    AND MAKE LIFE SAFER FOR OUR REGION'S 10 MILLION RESIDENTS. I  
21    LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE C.E.O. AND THE  
22    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS IMPORTANT PUBLIC SAFETY MATTER.  
23    THANK YOU.

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25    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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2   **DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR, BOARD  
3   OF SUPERVISORS, GUESTS. DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES  
4   COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. AS I SIT HERE AS THE FIRE CHIEF OF LOS  
5   ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE  
6   DIALOGUE AND THOSE PURPOSES ARTICULATED BY THE SHERIFF, MY  
7   ESTEEMED PARTNERS [INAUDIBLE] THE PUBLIC SAFETY. IN THE LOS  
8   ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, 100 PERCENT SUPPORTS L.A.-  
9   R.I.C.S. I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN CONCERNS RAISED RECENTLY AS  
10   IT RELATES TO THE L.T.E. AND THE SAFETY OF THAT SYSTEM THAT'S  
11   BEING INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND AS MENTIONED BY THE  
12   SHERIFF, MY NUMBER ONE PERSPECTIVE AS FIRE CHIEF IS TO SAFETY  
13   OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE SAFETY AND  
14   PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS  
15   ANGELES. I'VE READ ALL THE LITERATURE THAT'S BEEN SENT TO ME,  
16   AND I FULLY WEIGHED OUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT LITERATURE  
17   AND WHAT THE F.C.C. HAS ARTICULATED AND SAFETY STANDARDS THAT  
18   HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED AS IT RELATES TO THE SYSTEMS BEING BUILT  
19   TODAY. AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN EXPERT LATER THAT'S GOING  
20   TO SPEAK TO THOSE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES IN RELATION TO THE  
21   SYSTEM, AND I WILL LET HIM SPEAK TO THOSE COMPONENTS. BUT I'VE  
22   READ THAT, I'VE SEEN IT AND I SUPPORT THAT. ALONG WITH THE  
23   SHERIFF, IF I THOUGHT THAT THIS POSED A SIGNIFICANCE HEALTH  
24   CONCERN TO THE FIREFIGHTERS, I WOULD RAISE THAT CONCERN TO THE  
25   BOARD AND TO THE CITIZENS AND HALT THE PROJECT. BUT THE FACT

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1 OF THE MATTER IS THAT I DID RECEIVE THE INFORMATION. I DID  
2 RECEIVE THE DATA. I STILL BELIEVE THAT THE EXPERTS SHOULD HAVE  
3 DIALOGUE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE INFORMATION THAT'S GOING TO BE  
4 PRESENTED BY L.A.-R.I.C.S. IN CONNECTION TO R.F. MODELING AT  
5 THE FIRE STATIONS. AS THE FIRE CHIEF, I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT  
6 THOSE EXPOSURES. IN ADDITION TO OUR L.A.-R.I.C.S., THE  
7 DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE GOING OUT MONITORING AND MAKING SURE  
8 THAT THE SYSTEMS ARE SAFE PRIOR TO UTILIZING AND FUNCTIONING  
9 FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSPECTIVE. HOWEVER, L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS  
10 AN EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PROJECT. WE ARE THE MODEL  
11 FOR THE NATION. I SUPPORT BROADBAND. I SUPPORT THE L.T.E.  
12 SYSTEM. IT'S NOT JUST A SYSTEM FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO  
13 DISSEMINATE DATA IN A WAY THAT'S SECURE, BUT IT ALSO CAN BE  
14 UTILIZED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE DEVELOPING  
15 AN EMERGENCY SYSTEM TO TALK TO HOSPITALS FOR OUR PARAMEDICS  
16 AND FIREFIGHTERS TO HAVE AS IT RELATES TO PATIENT CARE FOR OUR  
17 PARAMEDIC CALLS. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE A HOLISTIC  
18 SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS US TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY AMONGST OUR  
19 MEMBERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AS IT RELATES  
20 TO TRAINING. THE L.T.E. SYSTEM, WHICH IS BROADBAND, WILL ALLOW  
21 US TO PURCHASE AND CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE OUR DISPATCHING, OUR  
22 TRAINING IN A WAY THAT WE'LL HAVE A SEAMLESS SYSTEM AS IT  
23 RELATES TO PUBLIC SAFETY. I KNOW THAT THERE WAS DIALOGUE IN  
24 RELATION TO WHY CAN'T WE JUST USE A COMMERCIAL CARRIER FOR  
25 BROADBAND? AND I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A PRIME EXAMPLE. LAST NIGHT

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1 AROUND 5 O'CLOCK. I WENT TO USE MY CELL PHONE. I'M SURE WE'VE  
2 ALL EXPERIENCED THIS. WHEN I WENT TO USE MY CELL PHONE, THE  
3 CIRCUIT WAS BUSY. NOW THINK ABOUT THAT. THAT WAS ON A NORMAL  
4 BUSINESS DAY, THE CIRCUITS ARE BUSY. HOW WOULD OUR  
5 FIREFIGHTERS, OUR POLICE OFFICERS EFFECTIVELY RESPOND TO  
6 INCIDENTS ON A NORMAL DAY WHEN CIRCUITS ARE BUSY? THIS IS A  
7 PRIME EXAMPLE WHY WE NEED, I AND THE SHERIFF, WE NEED THE  
8 STATE-OF-THE-ART BROADBAND SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE  
9 PROVIDING THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE AS IT RELATES TO ENSURING  
10 OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS ARE SAFE ALONG WITH THE  
11 CITIZENS THAT WE PROUDLY PROTECT AND SERVE EACH AND EVERY DAY.  
12 IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE ARE ALSO INSTALLING AN UPGRADED STATE-  
13 OF-THE-ART LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM. THAT'S NOT JUST ABOUT  
14 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT. IT'S ABOUT THE 31 FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE IN  
16 THIS COUNTY. IT'S ABOUT THE OVER 40 PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES IN  
17 THIS COUNTY THAT WILL ALLOW US TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY IN  
18 AN INTEROPERABLE ENVIRONMENT. EXAMPLES OF THIS FROM THE FIRE  
19 DEPARTMENT'S PERSPECTIVE GOES BACK TO THE '70S WHEN WE BEGAN  
20 MUTUAL AID, WHEN WE BEGAN COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS FROM THE  
21 HORRIFIC FIRES OF THE '70S IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. FROM THE  
22 '70S TO TODAY, WE STILL DON'T HAVE A SAFE SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS  
23 MULTIPLE AGENCIES TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY. AND IT IS NOT  
24 JUST ABOUT A MAJOR DISASTER. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT 31  
25 FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE IN THE COUNTY TODAY, IT'S NOT MUTUAL

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1 AID FOR MAJOR EMERGENCY INCIDENTS, BUT WE HAVE AUTOMATED  
2 AGREEMENTS THAT WE CONTINUOUSLY, EACH AND EVERY DAY RESPOND  
3 TO. THE NEAREST RESOURCES TO A 911 CALL, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR  
4 BOUNDARIES, WHICH REQUIRES OUR FIREFIGHTERS ACROSS BOUNDARIES  
5 TO COMMUNICATE DAILY IN AN INTEROPERABLE WAY BECAUSE AS IT  
6 RELATES TO PUBLIC SAFETY FOR OUR FIREFIGHTERS, FOR OUR POLICE  
7 OFFICERS AND FOR OUR CITIZENS EVERY SECOND COUNTS. THE L.M.R.  
8 SYSTEM, THE NEW L.M.R. SYSTEM WILL BE STATE OF THE ART FOR ALL  
9 PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS IN THIS COUNTY AND SECOND RESPONDERS. IN  
10 ADDITION TO THAT, FEDERAL LAW THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF H.R.-3630  
11 REQUIRES, INDICATES THAT BY CALENDAR YEAR 2023, THAT ALL FIRST  
12 RESPONDERS, NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT ACROSS THE NATION,  
13 THAT CURRENTLY UTILIZE T-BANDS WHICH I KNOW THAT'S KIND OF  
14 TECHNICAL, BUT JUST TO PUT IT ON LAYMAN TERMS, FROM THE L.A.  
15 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PERSPECTIVE AND THE SHERIFF'S  
16 DEPARTMENT PERSPECTIVE FOR THE COUNTY, HALF OUR FREQUENCIES  
17 ARE ON T-BAND. FEDERAL H.R.-3630 ARTICULATES, BY 2023 THAT WE  
18 NEED TO EXIT T-BAND AND TRANSITION TO ANOTHER FREQUENCY. SO  
19 WITH THAT BEING STATED, WE IN THIS COUNTY, THROUGH L.A.-  
20 R.I.C.S., HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP A STATE-OF-THE-  
21 ART SYSTEM TODAY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO WAIT TO 2021, 2022 OR  
22 2023 AT THE DEADLINE. AS A LEADER IN PUBLIC SAFETY, WE TOOK  
23 THE INITIATIVE TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY AMONGST THE 50 LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE 31 FIRE DEPARTMENT AGENCIES, ALL  
25 OF OUR PARAMEDIC AGENCIES AND SECOND RESPONDERS TO ENSURE THAT

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1 WE HAVE A SEAMLESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM TO ENSURE THE BEST  
2 POSSIBLE SERVICE TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS AND TO THE CITIZENS  
3 THAT WE SERVE. EVEN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE L.A.-R.I.C.S., THE  
4 SYSTEMS THAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK TODAY IN OUR  
5 RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND THE OTHER DOZENS AND DOZENS OF  
6 DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THIS COUNTY ARE OLD LEGACY SYSTEMS. EVEN IF  
7 WE DIDN'T HAVE THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT, THAT SAYS WE NEED TO  
8 REPLACE THE SYSTEMS, THE PRUDENT DEPARTMENT HEADS, AS PRUDENT  
9 OVERSIGHT OF THIS PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM, WE SHOULD IMPROVE THE  
10 SYSTEMS. SO WITH THAT BEING STATED, AS THE FIRE CHIEF, LOS  
11 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, I FULLY SUPPORT L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
12 CONTINUING.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** NOW I WILL TURN TO PAT MALLON WHO  
15 IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L.A.-R.I.C.S. AND HE WILL PROVIDE  
16 AN UPDATE, ACTUALLY A REPORT ON THE MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED  
17 BACK IN FEBRUARY.

18

19 **PATRICK MALLON:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU.  
20 MY NAME IS PATRICK MALLON. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE  
21 L.A.-R.I.C.S. JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. GOING BACK TO THE  
22 EVENTS, THE TRAGIC EVENTS OVER 13 YEARS AGO IN NEW YORK AND IN  
23 WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH THE ATTACK ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER,  
24 THE PENTAGON AS WELL AS IN PENNSYLVANIA, WE LOST A LOT OF  
25 PUBLIC SAFETY LIVES. WE LOST A LOT OF CITIZENS' LIVES, LARGELY



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1 BECAUSE, I MEAN, COMPLICATED BY THE LACK OF INTEROPERABLE  
2 COMMUNICATIONS. QUITE SIMPLY, THE POLICE AND FIRE IN NEW YORK  
3 OPERATE ON DIFFERENT RADIO SYSTEMS AND THEY COULDN'T TALK TO  
4 EACH OTHER. THE 9/11 COMMISSION DID A FACT-FINDING STUDY AS TO  
5 WHY THERE WAS SUCH A CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF LIFE, PARTICULARLY  
6 BECAUSE OF LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND THEY RECOMMENDED THAT  
7 AN INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BE ESTABLISHED ACROSS  
8 THE COUNTRY. AND I THINK EVEN IF WE LOOK BACK TO THE EVENTS OF  
9 HURRICANE KATRINA WHEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPLOYED ASSETS TO  
10 NEW ORLEANS TO HELP EVACUATE PEOPLE, WHEN THEY ARRIVED THERE,  
11 THEY WERE NOT ON THE SAME FREQUENCY SYSTEM. SO THE INTENT  
12 BEHIND THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, WHICH WAS  
13 FORMED IN 2009 IS TO BUILD THE FIRST-CLASS PUBLIC SAFETY  
14 INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. IT STARTED OUT INITIALLY  
15 FOR JUST THE LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM AND IN 2010 WITH THE  
16 ASSIGNMENT OF 10 MEGAHERTZ OF SPECTRUM IN BROADBAND AND \$154.6  
17 MILLION GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THROUGH N.T.I.A.  
18 TO DEPLOY AN L.T.E. DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, THE L.A.-  
19 R.I.C.S. EFFORT EXPANDED. THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE  
20 BOARD AS TO WHAT IS OUR BUILD OUT SCHEDULE? HOW MANY SITES DO  
21 WE HAVE TO BUILD? HOW MANY HAVE BEEN BUILT OUT? AND THIS IS AN  
22 EVER CHANGING STATISTIC AS WE COMPLETE MOVING FORWARD. WE ARE  
23 LOOKING AT 177 SITES. 51 SITES ARE CURRENTLY IN CONSTRUCTION  
24 WITH EIGHT OF THEM HAVING BEEN COMPLETED AND ACTUALLY THAT  
25 NUMBER HAS INCREASED SINCE THIS SLIDE WAS PRODUCED. BUT YOU

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1 CAN SEE MONTH BY MONTH WE HAVE A ROLLOUT SCHEDULE THAT WILL  
2 DELIVER BETWEEN 25 AND 35 SITES PER MONTH SO THAT WE CAN MEET  
3 OUR MANDATE OF COMPLETING THE PROJECT AND HAVING ALL BILLS  
4 PAID AND CLOSED OUT ON THE FEDERAL GRANT BY SEPTEMBER 30TH. AS  
5 THAT SEPTEMBER 30TH IS A VERY IMPOSING DATE AND WE KNOW THAT  
6 ALL BILLS HAVE TO BE PAID, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE DEADLINE OF  
7 SIX WEEKS BEFORE THAT, OR AUGUST 15TH, TO HAVE THE LAST SITE  
8 COMPLETE. THE QUESTION HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED ABOUT WHAT OF THE  
9 SITES THAT HAVE BEEN LOST? AND THERE DEFINITELY HAS BEEN LOSS  
10 OF IMPACT IN CAPACITY, THAT'S THE ABILITY OF THE NUMBER OF  
11 DEVICES THAT CAN BE SUPPORTED ON A TOWER AS WELL AS THE LOSS  
12 OF COVERAGE. AND YOU'LL NOTICE IN THIS MAP, THERE'S AREAS THAT  
13 ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN KIND OF THE ORANGE COLOR? THOSE ARE AREAS  
14 WHERE WE HAVE LOST COVERAGE. THAT MEANS REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY  
15 DEVICES WE PUT IN THERE, THEY WILL NOT BE OPERATING ON THE  
16 L.A.-R.I.C.S. SYSTEM. THIS IS PREDOMINANTLY THE LOSS OF FIVE  
17 SITES IN THE CITY OF POMONA. YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S AN  
18 ORANGE SPLOTCH THERE. ALONG THE SOUTH BAY AREA WITH TORRANCE,  
19 REDONDO BEACH, EL SEGUNDO, HAWTHORN, WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT  
20 LOSS OF COVERAGE THERE. AND YOU'LL ALSO NOTICE UP IN THE SAN  
21 FERNANDO VALLEY PARTICULARLY AT THE FAR PORTIONS WHERE WE HAD  
22 SOME CITY FIRE SITES THAT BECAME VERY PROBLEMATIC TO BUILD, WE  
23 LOST SOME COVERAGE ON THE WEST END OF THAT. ADDITIONALLY,  
24 YOU'LL SEE SOME ADDITIONAL AREAS IN THE BROWN COLOR, THE PEACH  
25 COLOR THAT WHERE WE'VE LOST COVERAGE, BUT THERE'S NOT BEEN A

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1 LOSS OF SITES, AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE OF THE  
2 MODELING. BUT THE BASIC PREMISE OF THIS IS THAT WE'VE HAD A  
3 CONCENTRATION OF SITES THAT WE'VE LOST, LONG BEACH IS ANOTHER  
4 WHERE WE LOST SIX SITES IN LONG BEACH WHERE WE'VE ACTUALLY  
5 LOST SOME COVERAGE, THERE'S OTHER AREAS WHERE WE'VE HAD A  
6 SINGLE TOWER WHERE WE'VE LOST CAPACITY. SO IN THOSE AREAS THE  
7 DEVICES THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO CONNECT ON THE SITE THAT WAS  
8 LOST WILL HAVE TO MOVE TO ANOTHER SITE. THE L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
9 ALSO, AS CHIEF OSBY POINTED OUT, IS TO BE BUILDING A LAND  
10 MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM. YOU'LL SEE ON THE NEXT SLIDE, THIS IS A  
11 HYBRID SYSTEM TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED USE OF THE 700-- I'M  
12 SORRY. THE U.H.F. T-BAND CHANNELS, THAT'S THE OLD T.V.  
13 CHANNELS 14, 15, 16 AND 20. MOST OF THE DEVICES ARE USED BY  
14 PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OPERATE ON THE T-  
15 BAND. THERE'S ABOUT A \$250 MILLION COST TO DO A FORKLIFT  
16 REPLACEMENT OF ALL THAT EQUIPMENT. SO WE HAVE DEVELOPED A  
17 HYBRID STRATEGY BUILT OUT ON NOT ONLY U.H.F. BUT ALSO 700  
18 MEGAHERTZ. HOWEVER, IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA, THERE IS  
19 OVER 600 CHANNELS THAT ARE PUBLIC SAFETY ARE USED IN THE T-  
20 BAND. THE AVAILABLE CHANNEL COUNT THAT WE HAVE IN THE 700 IS  
21 88. SO WE'RE GOING FROM 600 CHANNELS TO 88 CHANNELS. AND IN  
22 ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO  
23 SUPPORT ROUTINE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
24 BROADBAND NETWORK. THAT WILL ALLOW THE LAND MOBILE RADIO  
25 SYSTEM TO RESERVE FOR CRITICAL VOICE COMMUNICATION. SO IN THE

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1 L.M.R. SYSTEM WE HAVE 120 SITES THAT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND  
2 WE'VE INCLUDED THOSE INTO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WE  
3 ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE JUST SHY OF 90 SITES THAT WILL  
4 BE USED ACTUALLY IN THE ULTIMATE BUILD OUT WITH CONSTRUCTION  
5 TO START AS EARLY AS THIS SUMMER, WITH COMPLETION BY THE YEAR  
6 2018. THERE ARE 23 COUNTY SITES INCLUDED IN WITH LIST OF SITES  
7 THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT MOVING TO. AS I SAID, THIS IS A  
8 COVERAGE MAP OF WHAT THE TWO SYSTEMS WILL DO. YOU CAN SEE THEY  
9 PRETTY MUCH DUPLICATE EACH OTHER. THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES,  
10 BECAUSE THE REACH OF THE 700 BAND FREQUENCY SPECTRUM IS NOT  
11 QUITE AS ROBUST AS IT IS ON THE U.H.F. BUT AS CHIEF OSBY  
12 POINTED OUT, THE DIRECTION FROM CONGRESS TO THE F.C.C. IS THEY  
13 ARE TO AUCTION THE T-BAND FREQUENCIES AND WE HAVE TO MOVE OFF  
14 OF IT BY FEBRUARY 22ND OF 2023. THE QUESTION WAS ALSO ASKED  
15 ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL, THE FUNDING PLAN FOR THE  
16 CITIES THAT HAVE OPTED OUT. TO DATE WE'VE GOT 13 CITIES THAT  
17 HAVE OPTED OUT. THEY TOTAL A TOTAL COST IMPACT OF JUST SHY OF  
18 8.5 PERCENT. AND THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN, PARTICULARLY  
19 THOSE CITIES THAT REMAIN WHO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT  
20 THEIR COST IS GOING TO BE. AS OTHER CITIES MAY OR MAY NOT  
21 ELECT TO OPT OUT, THEN THERE'S AN IMPACT OF COST ON THOSE  
22 REMAINING. SO THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AT THEIR LAST MEETING  
23 IN MARCH DIRECTED THAT I WORK WITH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO  
24 DEVELOP AN ALTERNATE PLAN WHICH WILL GIVE A LITTLE BIT MORE  
25 STABILITY TO THE CITIES AND THEY WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEIR

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1 COSTS ARE GOING TO BE. AND WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT.  
2 AND WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, I'LL BE MORE THAN  
3 HAPPY TO ANSWER.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MR. MALLON. AND ALSO,  
6 BEFORE YOU BEGIN ASKING ANY QUESTIONS, IF I CAN, LAST WEEK  
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THE  
8 SAFETY OF RADIO FREQUENCY EMISSIONS, THE ISSUE OF COLLOCATION  
9 OF COMMERCIAL CELL ANTENNAS ON L.A.-R.I.C.S. ANTENNA POLES AND  
10 INFORMATION ON THE GRANT STATUS AND DEADLINES. WE HAVE TODAY  
11 DR. BUSHBERG WHO IS THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. EXPERT CONSULTANT AND  
12 DR. GUNZENHAUSER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC INTERIM HEALTH  
13 OFFICER AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR WHO WILL ADDRESS THE RADIO  
14 FREQUENCY SAFETY ISSUES AND CHUCK MOORE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL  
15 AND MR. MALLON AGAIN WILL DISCUSS AND ADDRESS THE LATTER TWO  
16 ISSUES. SO WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO DR. BUSHBERG.

17

18 **DR. JERROLD BUSHBERG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR  
19 THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS INFORMATION. LET'S SORT OF  
20 BEGIN BY SETTING THE STAGE TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT MORE  
21 ABOUT R.F. ENERGY AND HOW THE LEVELS ARE DETERMINED AND WHAT  
22 LEVELS ARE DETERMINED TO BE SAFE. THE MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR THE  
23 FREQUENCIES THAT ARE USED BY THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. SYSTEM ARE 505  
24 AND THE UNITS ARE SCIENTIFIC, THEY ARE CALLED MICROWATTS PER  
25 CENTIMETER SQUARE WHICH I DON'T EXPECT ANYONE TO UNDERSTAND

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1 BUT I'LL HELP PUT THOSE INTO PERSPECTIVE IN A FEW SLIDES. THE  
2 THING THAT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE M.P. LIMITS,  
3 THESE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURES, WERE ESTABLISHED ASSUMING  
4 THAT THE PUBLIC COULD BE ESTABLISHED 24 HOURS A DAY 7 DAYS A  
5 WEEK FOR YEAR UPON YEAR. AND THEY'RE ESTABLISHED TO BE  
6 PROTECTED NOT ONLY OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC BUT SET FAR BELOW A  
7 LEVEL THAT IS THOUGHT TO BE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL, IN FACT 50  
8 TIMES SO THAT IT ALSO PROTECTED CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO MIGHT  
9 BE INFIRM. THE LEVELS OF EXPOSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS BOTH WITHIN  
10 THE FIREHOUSE AND AROUND THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. FACILITIES WILL BE  
11 ON THE ORDER OF A TENTH TO 1.5 PERCENT OF THAT ALLOWABLE  
12 PUBLIC LIMIT. THESE ARE VERY LOW LEVELS. AND I'LL HELP COMPARE  
13 THOSE LEVELS IN JUST A FEW SLIDES. INSIDE A HOME OR INSIDE THE  
14 FIRE STATION LEVELS CAN BE REDUCED EVEN FURTHER BY AS MUCH AS  
15 MAYBE 10, 30, 40 TIMES DEPENDING UPON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
16 FACILITY AND ITS LOCATION. TO HELP PUT SOME OF THIS INTO  
17 PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE THE MICROWATTS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER  
18 LEDGER THERE ON THE LEFT. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT ON THE FAR  
19 RIGHT IS THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. FACILITY AT A SMALL FRACTION OF A  
20 MICROWATT PER CENTIMETER SQUARED JUST A LITTLE BIT LOWER THAN  
21 WHEN I MEASURED IN THE CRIB WHEN MY KIDS WERE YOUNG AND MY  
22 WIFE WANTED A BABY MONITOR. THE EXPOSURE IS ABOUT 1 MICROWATT  
23 PER CENTIMETER SQUARED. AND ALSO COMPARE THAT TO OTHER DEVICES  
24 THAT YOU SEE THERE, THE WI-FI LAPTOPS, C.B. RADIO, BLUETOOTH  
25 HEADSET, CORDLESS PHONES AND OUR SMART PHONES. ONE DIFFERENCE

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1 MAYBE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BABY MONITORS THE EXPOSURES FROM  
2 THE OTHER DEVICES ARE PERIODIC, ON AND OFF, NOT 24 HOURS A  
3 DAY. BUT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT R.F. ENERGY DOES NOT  
4 ACCUMULATE IN THE BODY. IT IS DISSIPATED UPON ITS INTERACTION  
5 WITH THE BODY AND THEREFORE THE TIME OF EXPOSURE AS LONG AS  
6 THE LEVELS ARE BELOW THE THRESHOLD FOR ADVERSE EFFECTS IS  
7 IRRELEVANT. IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT THE LEVELS BE-- THAT  
8 LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY THE F.C.C. ARE NOT ADEQUATE OR SAFE. AND  
9 ONES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED ARE EXTRAORDINARILY LOW. MILLIONS  
10 OF TIMES LOWER THAN OUR CURRENT LIMITS THAT WOULD HAVE THE NET  
11 RESULT OF ESSENTIALLY ELIMINATING ALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION  
12 AS IT EXISTS TODAY IN A PRACTICAL SENSE. THIS INCLUDES  
13 A.M./F.M. BROADCASTS, EVERYTHING FROM MICROWAVE OVENS TO SMART  
14 METERS, OF COURSE OUR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, WI-FI, CELL  
15 PHONES, ET CETERA THAT ARE INTEGRAL IN THE WAY WE LIVE TODAY,  
16 PART OF OUR MODERN SOCIETY. SO HOW WERE THE F.C.C. LIMITS  
17 DETERMINED? WELL THE CURRENT F.C.C. STANDARDS WERE BASED ON  
18 ABOUT AN 18-MONTH REVIEW PROCESS THAT INCLUDED THOUSANDS OF  
19 PAGES OF COMMENTS FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC, ACADEMIA, THE  
20 GOVERNMENT, STANDARDS STATE ORGANIZATIONS AND OF COURSE THE  
21 INDUSTRY. NOW IF YOU GO TO THE F.C.C., YOU FIND OUT WHEN YOU  
22 WALK IN THERE THAT THERE ARE NO CANCER BIOLOGISTS, NO  
23 EPIDEMIOLOGISTS, PEOPLE WHO COULD REALLY OPINE ON HEALTH AND  
24 SAFETY, AND THEY REALIZE THAT SO THEY RELY ON THE FEDERAL  
25 HEALTH EXPERTS FOR ADVICE. IN FACT, WHEN THE STANDARD WAS



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1 ESTABLISHED BY THE F.C.C. WHO HAS A REGULATORY AUTHORITY, THEY  
2 ASKED FOR INPUT FROM BOTH THE F.D.A., THE E.P.A., THE NATIONAL  
3 INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND OTHER FEDERAL  
4 HEALTH AGENCIES. AND I'LL TALK ABOUT THAT IN JUST A SECOND.  
5 BUT WHERE DO THE STANDARDS COME FROM THAT WE UTILIZE? WELL,  
6 THEY COME FROM CONSENSUS STANDARD GROUPS THAT ARE INDEPENDENT,  
7 SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES THAT DEVELOP THESE STANDARDS BASED ON  
8 THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE. THE TWO THAT WERE IN EXISTENCE OF THE  
9 UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME WERE ONE DEVELOPED BY THE AMERICAN  
10 NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE AND ANOTHER ONE BY THE NATIONAL  
11 COUNCIL ON RADIATION PROTECTION MEASUREMENTS IN WASHINGTON  
12 WHICH IS A CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATION  
13 ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF  
14 RADIATION BOTH LIKE X-RAYS AND RADIO WAVES. AT THE TIME, THE  
15 FEDERAL HEALTH AGENCIES TOOK THE TWO MOST RESTRICTIVE PARTS OF  
16 THE STANDARDS, COBBLED THEM TOGETHER AND GAVE THEM TO THE  
17 F.C.C. AND SAID, WE THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. AND  
18 THAT'S WHAT'S IN USE TODAY. AROUND THE WORLD, THE BOTTOM  
19 THERE, YOU'LL SEE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON NON-IONIZING  
20 RADIATION PROTECTION WHICH GOES BY THE RATHER UNFORTUNATE  
21 ACRONYM OF I.C.N.R.P. SO IF YOU HEAR ABOUT THE I.C.N.R.P.  
22 STANDARD, THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THE WORLD STANDARD THAT IS  
23 ADOPTED, RECOMMENDED BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I.C.N.R.P. IS  
24 ADVISORY TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. SO A GOOD QUESTION  
25 IS, WHY HAVEN'T U.S. STANDARDS BEEN UPDATED SINCE THEY WERE

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1 ESTABLISHED IN 1997? AND I THINK THE MAJORITY OF THE REASON IS  
2 BECAUSE THAT THE STANDARDS THAT HAVE BEEN RECENTLY REVISED ARE  
3 VERY SIMILAR TO THE ONES WE USE IN THE U.S. BOTH THE  
4 I.C.N.R.P. STANDARD IN CANADA RECENTLY REVISED. IT IS UP FOR A  
5 REVIEW OF THE SCIENCE, SAME THING WITH THE U.K. HEALTH COUNCIL  
6 AND THE NETHERLANDS AND IN THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL  
7 COMMITTEE ON ELECTROMAGNETIC SAFETY UPDATED THEIR STANDARD IN  
8 2013, AND THE EXPOSURES RECOMMENDED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ARE NOT  
9 ANY SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
10 F.C.C. TODAY. THEN LET'S PUT ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE ON IT. THIS  
11 IS THAT COMMON P.C.S. FREQUENCIES ARE USED IN WIRELESS  
12 COMMUNICATION. THE LIMIT IS 1,000 MICROWATTS PER CENTIMETER  
13 SQUARED OR 1 MILLOWATT. TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE FOR YOU, THE  
14 LEVELS OF EXPOSURE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AT A FIREHOUSE OR IN  
15 THE VICINITY ARE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 400 TO MANY THOUSAND TIMES  
16 BELOW THE LEVEL THAT IS ESTABLISHED SAFE. NOW UNDERSTAND THAT  
17 THE SAFE LEVELS WERE SET, NOT THE THRESHOLD BETWEEN HARM,  
18 WHERE HARM OCCURS AND WHERE SAFETY LIES, BUT A LEVEL 50 TIMES  
19 BELOW THAT TO PROVIDE A WIDE MARGIN OF SAFETY. YOU. THE WORLD  
20 HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS A F.A.Q. SHEET YOU CAN FIND ON THEIR  
21 WEBSITE TODAY THAT TALKS ABOUT THE EVIDENCE THAT HAD BEEN  
22 ACCUMULATING AT THE TIME THIS WAS DEVELOPED. AND THEY SAID,  
23 REFERRING NOW TO THE EXPERT BODIES THAT HAD OPINED ON IT IS  
24 TAT FROM ALL THE EVIDENCE ACCUMULATED SO FAR, NO ADVERSE  
25 SHORT-TERM OR LONG TERM HEALTH EFFECTS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO

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1 OCCUR FROM R.F. SIGNALS PRODUCED BY BASE STATIONS, WHICH ARE  
2 THE SAME THING AS A CELL SITE, SAME THING AS AN L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
3 FACILITY. CONSIDERING THE VERY LOW LEVELS AND RESEARCH RESULTS  
4 COLLECTED TO DATE, THERE IS NO CONVINCING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE  
5 THAT THE WEAK R.F. SIGNAL, SOMETIMES CALLED NONTHERMAL  
6 EFFECTS, FROM BASE STATIONS AND WIRELESS NETWORKS CAN CAUSE  
7 ADVERSE EFFECTS. THAT WILL CONCLUDE MY STATEMENTS AND BE HAPPY  
8 TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, DR. BUSHBERG AND DR.  
11 GUNZENHAUSER?

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13 **DR. JEFFREY GUNZENHAUSER:** GOOD MORNING, I'M JEFF GUNZENHAUSER,  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SERVING AS YOUR HEALTH  
15 OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
16 COMMENT ON THIS. BEING VERY CONCERNED ABOUT EMERGENCY  
17 PREPAREDNESS, I JOINED WITH MY SHERIFF AND FIRE COLLEAGUES IN  
18 ACKNOWLEDGING HOW IMPORTANT HAVING THIS INTEROPERABLE  
19 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WOULD BE TO L.A. COUNTY IN THE FUTURE  
20 FOR ALL KINDS OF SCENARIOS IN WHICH I WOULD BE INVOLVED. BUT  
21 MY MAIN REASON FOR BEING HERE TODAY IS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION:  
22 DO I HAVE ANY CONCERN THAT THIS POSES A HEALTH RISK TO MEMBERS  
23 OF OUR WORKFORCE OR TO MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY? BEFORE I GET  
24 INTO THAT, I DO WANT TO COMMENT THAT I DID SEEK ASSISTANCE  
25 FROM THE STAFF AND OUR DEPARTMENT AND OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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1 GROUP, TOXIC, EPIDEMIOLOGY GROUP. I DO WANT TO COMMENT THAT I  
2 HAVE A LOT OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA. MANY OF YOU  
3 KNOW THAT I WAS IN THE SERVICE FOR MANY YEARS. AND AS PART OF  
4 MY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, I WAS REQUIRED TO BE AN EXPERT IN  
5 OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. AND SO I HAD A LOT OF  
6 TRAINING IN NUCLEAR RADIATION AND OTHER AREAS OF SAFETY. I RAN  
7 RADIATION SAFETY PROGRAMS IN HOSPITALS. I ALSO WORKED AT THE  
8 ARMY'S PREMIER INSTITUTE ON INJURIES AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE  
9 DIVISION THAT STUDIED THE BIO EFFECTS OF NONIONIZING RADIATION  
10 WHICH INCLUDES MICROWAVES, RADIO FREQUENCY RADIATION, SO ON  
11 AND SO FORTH. I WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN ASSESSING SOME  
12 SYSTEMS THAT WERE MUCH HIGHER POWERED THAN THE ONES WE'RE  
13 TALKING ABOUT HERE. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN I WAS AT THE PENTAGON,  
14 WE LOOKED AT A HIGH FREQUENCY RADIATION SYSTEM UP IN THE NEW  
15 ENGLAND AREA THAT HAD MUCH MORE ENERGY THAN THIS AND WE  
16 CONCLUDED THAT IT DIDN'T POSE ANY HEALTH THREATS TO THE  
17 POPULATION AROUND THAT. WITH THAT IN MIND, I WOULD LIKE TO  
18 JUST COMMENT A LITTLE BIT. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS  
19 ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION. PEOPLE GET A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED.  
20 GENERALLY, THE WAY I LOOK AT IT IS THAT IF YOU THINK OF LIGHT,  
21 LIKE WE HAVE IN THE ROOM, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SPECTRUM ON THE  
22 ONE SIDE WE HAVE ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION WHICH INCLUDE X-RAYS  
23 AND GAMMA RAYS. WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT'S AT AN ENERGY LEVEL  
24 THAT CAUSES IONIZING EFFECTS WHICH CAN LED TO CANCER. AND WHEN  
25 PEOPLE HEAR ABOUT RADIATION, THEY TEND TO THINK OF THAT, AND

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1 SO THEY GET CONCERNED ABOUT CANCER. BUT I WANT TO CLARIFY,  
2 THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE AT ALL TODAY. WE'RE  
3 TALKING ABOUT ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION WHICH IS ON THE OTHER  
4 SIDE. IT'S ON THE LONG WAVELENGTH SIDE. MICROWAVES ARE  
5 GENERALLY BETWEEN A MILLIMETER AND A FOOT LONG AND RADIO  
6 FREQUENCY RADIATION IS BETWEEN A FOOT AND TEN FEET LONG, SO  
7 ONE WAVE OF RADIO FREQUENCY RADIATION COULD BE AS LONG AS I AM  
8 TALL. AND THOSE HAVE VERY LOW ENERGY AND DON'T CAUSE IONIZING  
9 EFFECTS SO THEY DON'T DIRECTLY AFFECT D.N.A. AND CAUSE CANCER.  
10 SO WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF RADIO FREQUENCY  
11 RADIATION? WE DO KNOW THAT IF RADIO FREQUENCY RADIATION GETS  
12 INTO SOMETHING IT TENDS TO WARM THIS UP AND WE USE IN TO OUR  
13 ADVANTAGE. WE ALL HAVE MICROWAVES AT HOME AND WE TURN THOSE ON  
14 AND IT HAS THE RESULTS THAT WE INTEND. THAT'S THE PRIMARY  
15 EFFECT THAT IS KNOWN. WE DO KNOW THAT MUCH HIGHER RADIO  
16 FREQUENCY DEVICES, IF THERE IS SOME KIND OF MISHAP AND WORKERS  
17 GET EXPOSED, THEY CAN GET THERMAL BURNS. I HAVE EXPERIENCE  
18 WITH THAT FROM MY EXPERIENCE IN THE SERVICE. AND ALSO SOME  
19 WORKERS SUCH AS THOSE THAT ARE WELDERS OR PEOPLE WHO ARE IN  
20 GLASS BLOWING, THEY CAN HAVE HIGH LEVELS OF THIS TYPE OF  
21 RADIATION AND IT CAN AFFECT THE CORNEA AND CAN CAUSE  
22 CATARACTS. SO THOSE PEOPLE YOU'LL NOTICE ALWAYS WEAR EYE  
23 PROTECTION TO PROTECT AGAINST THAT. BUT THE QUESTION REALLY  
24 PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CANCER, THERE'S SEVERAL REASONS FOR  
25 THIS. AND THE QUESTION IS: DO DOSES THAT ARE LOWER THAN THOSE

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1 THAT CAUSE HEAT ACTUALLY CAUSE CANCER? AND SO THERE'S BEEN A  
2 LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT THIS. I THINK ONE OF THE SOURCES THAT I  
3 SAID PEOPLE GET CONFUSED BETWEEN IONIZING AND NONIONIZING  
4 RADIATION, AND I HOPE I'VE DISPELLED THAT, THE SECOND REASON  
5 IS BECAUSE THERE IS A WHOLE BUNCH OF MEDICAL RESEARCH IN THIS  
6 AREA. I'VE LOOKED AT SOME REPORTS. I WENT OUT AND TRIED TO  
7 FIND WHAT I COULD IN THIS. THERE'S DIFFERENT KINDS OF STUDIES.  
8 AND WE DON'T REALLY NEED TO GET IN THERE. BUT THERE'S  
9 CONFLICTING RESULTS. A LOT OF GOOD STUDIES SHOW THAT THERE  
10 REALLY IS NOT THAT EFFECT. SOME OTHERS TEND TO SHOW IT. BUT IN  
11 GENERAL THE RESULTS ARE VERY INCONCLUSIVE AND THEY'RE  
12 CONFLICTING. NOW, THE THIRD THING THAT GENERALLY CAUSES  
13 CONCERN IS THAT SOME PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY  
14 FOR RESEARCH IN CANCER HAVE CLASSIFIED RADIO FREQUENCY  
15 RADIATION AS POSSIBLY CARCINOGENIC, AND SO THAT CAUSES  
16 CONCERN. AS SOON AS YOU SAY POSSIBLY, PEOPLE TEND TO THINK,  
17 WELL THAT MEANS THAT IT DOES THAT CAUSE THAT. LET ME JUST SAY  
18 THAT THE I.A.R.C. ALSO INCLUDES THINGS LIKE COFFEE AND PICKLED  
19 VEGETABLES AS POSSIBLY CAUSING CANCER. SO THERE'S A WHOLE  
20 BUNCH OF THINGS IN THERE AND YOU HAVE TO REALIZE THAT THE IARC  
21 IS VERY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING RESEARCH. SO THEY SAY, HERE'S  
22 MORE RESEARCH NEEDED. BUT THERE'S OTHER CATEGORIES THEY HAVE  
23 WHICH INCLUDE PROBABLE CARCINOGENIC AND KNOWN. THEY HAVE NOT  
24 SAID THAT. AS HAS BEEN SAID HERE BEFORE, THE AMERICAN CANCER  
25 SOCIETY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE NATIONAL

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1 TOXICOLOGY PROGRAM ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS DOES NOT CAUSE  
2 CANCER. SO I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT  
3 REALLY SHOWS THAT THIS IS NOT CARCINOGENIC BUT THERE'S MORE TO  
4 BE DONE THERE. I REVIEWED THE REPORT THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER BY  
5 RICHARD TELL ASSOCIATES INC. AND REFLECTED ON HOW GOOD THIS  
6 REPORT IS COMPARED TO OTHER ONES I'VE READ IN THE PAST. THIS  
7 IS REALLY A WELL WRITTEN REPORT. IT REALLY LOOKS AT THE NEAR  
8 FIELD EFFECTS LIKE WORKERS THAT MIGHT HAVE TO GO UP AND WORK  
9 ON THE ANTENNAE AND PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AT A  
10 DISTANCE FROM THIS. AND I CAN SEE THAT THE ESTIMATES THAT ARE  
11 PROVIDED ARE VERY CONSERVATIVE. SO THE ESTIMATE OF 1-1/2  
12 PERCENT OF THE M.P.E., THE MAXIMAL PERMISSABLE EXPOSURE,  
13 ASSUMES SOMEBODY IS 50 FEET UP FROM THE GROUND ABOUT 190 FEET  
14 AWAY FROM THE DEVICE. AND AT THAT POINT THEY HAVE 1-1/2  
15 PERCENT THE EXPOSURE THAT'S PERMISSIBLE. AND THERE'S ALL KINDS  
16 OF ASSUMPTIONS IN THAT THAT WOULD TEND TO MAKE YOU THINK THAT  
17 IT'S ACTUALLY MUCH LOWER THAN THIS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REALIZE  
18 THAT THE ANTENNA, BOTH THE L.T.E., WHICH IS THE LONG TERM  
19 EVOLUTION TECHNOLOGY, AS WELL AS THE MICROWAVE TECHNOLOGY, ARE  
20 DESIGNED TO SEND THIS RADIATION OUT IN A BEAM, NOT DOWN. SO  
21 WORKERS WHO ARE BELOW THE ANTENNA ACTUALLY ARE RELATIVELY  
22 SAFELY PROTECTED. IT'S 20 TO 30 TO 50 OR HIGHER REDUCED FOLD  
23 OF EXPOSURE. SO REGARDLESS OF THE INADEQUACY OF SOME OF THE  
24 EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES ABOUT CANCER'S ASSOCIATION WITH THIS,  
25 WHAT MOST IMPRESSES ME IS THE EXTREMELY LOW DOSES. SO WE'RE



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1 TALKING ABOUT 1/100TH TO 1/1,000TH OF THE MAXIMAL PERMISSABLE  
2 EXPOSURE WHICH WOULD PERHAPS CAUSE AN ELEVATION IN  
3 TEMPERATURE. SO FOR MY POINT OF VIEW, BASED UPON MY REVIEW, I  
4 DON'T THINK THERE'S REALLY ANY CONCERN AT ALL THAT THIS POSES  
5 ANY RISK TO OUR WORKERS OR TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE  
6 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS PARTICULAR DEVICE AS  
7 WAS JUST POINTED OUT, IS IN THE COMPANY OF OTHER ANTENNA  
8 TRANSMITTERS, OUR MOBILE PHONE STATIONS, AND EVEN ATMOSPHERIC  
9 CONDITIONS CAN GENERATE THIS LEVEL OF RADIO FREQUENCY IN OUR  
10 ENVIRONMENT. SO WITH THAT, I SUPPORT THAT THE IMPRESSION THAT  
11 THIS DOESN'T POSE ANY HEALTH RISK. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, DR. GUNZENHOUSER AND  
14 OUR FINAL SPEAKER IS CHUCK MOORE WHO WILL BE ADDRESSING THE  
15 ISSUE OF COLLOCATION ON THE CELL ANTENNAS, ON THE L.A.-  
16 R.I.C.S. SITES. AND THEN ALSO ON THE GRANT STATUS DEADLINE.  
17 AND I BELIEVE MR. MALLON WILL ALSO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** ON THE COLLOCATION ISSUE, THE BOARD HAS AUTHORITY TO  
20 CONTROL ACCESS TO THE SITES THAT THESE L.T.E. INSTALLATIONS  
21 ARE BEING INSTALLED AT. THAT BEING THE CASE, IF THE BOARD IS  
22 INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING A POLICY THAT PROHIBITS COLLOCATION  
23 OF COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICE AT THESE  
24 COUNTY OWNED, COUNTY CONTROLLED OR COUNTY OPERATED SITES, THE  
25 BOARD DOES HAVE DISCRETION TO DO THAT. WITH RESPECT TO THE

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1 B.T.O.P. GRANT DEADLINES, THE L.T.E. PROJECT IS FUNDED BY A  
2 B.T.O.P. GRANT BY THE N.T.I.A. THE B.T.O.P. GRANT IS AN  
3 A.R.R.A. GRANT. A.R.R.A. GRANTS ARE KNOWN AS STIMULUS FUND,  
4 ESSENTIALLY STIMULUS FUND GRANTS AND IT'S SET TO EXPIRE ON  
5 SEPTEMBER 30, 2015. THERE IS A FIVE-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS PERIOD  
6 THAT APPLIES. IT APPLIES TO ALL GRANTS THAT ARE APPROPRIATED,  
7 INCLUDING THE A.R.R.A. GRANTS THAT ARE AT ISSUE IN THIS CASE.  
8 THIS PROJECT AS WELL AS OTHER B.T.O.P. PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE  
9 NATION ARE AT THE END OF THE FIVE-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS PERIOD  
10 AND THOSE PROJECTS AS WELL ARE WINDING DOWN. FOR THE  
11 APPROPRIATIONS PERIOD TO BE EXTENDED, CONGRESS WOULD NEED TO  
12 ACT TO EXTEND THE APPROPRIATIONS PERIOD AND IT WOULD HAVE TO  
13 BE SIGNED OFF BY THE PRESIDENT.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** I BELIEVE WITH THAT, THAT  
16 CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. AND WE WOULD WELCOME  
17 ANY QUESTIONS THAT THIS BOARD MAY HAVE?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME FIRST THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR  
20 PARTICIPATION. WE HAVE ABOUT 100 PEOPLE WHO ALSO WANT TO GIVE  
21 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS. BUT LET ME JUST FOR THE BEGINNINGS,  
22 THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. ORIGINAL R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WENT THROUGH  
23 HAS CAUSED A LOT OF US A LOT OF CONCERN. ALSO, THOSE  
24 OVERSEEING THE PROJECT, IT APPEARS TO BE A FAILURE IN ADEQUATE  
25 OVERSEEING A PROJECT TO ENSURE THAT EVERYBODY WAS INVOLVED IN

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1 THE PROCESS AND THAT WE WERE HAVING SUPPORT FROM THE BOTTOM UP  
2 AS WELL AS FROM THE TOP DOWN. BECAUSE A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
3 OF THIS SIZE WITH A SHORT TIMELINE UNDER THE BEST  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES. SO IN MY OPINION, WE NEED TO SLOW DOWN. WHEN WE  
5 HAVE OUR FIREFIGHTERS, OUR LOCAL 1014 RESIDENTS AND CITIES  
6 ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTY ASKING QUESTIONS AND EXPRESSING  
7 CONCERNS, IT'S VITAL THAT WE ALL LISTEN AND TAKE THAT  
8 INFORMATION BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD. THE PROJECT CAN'T BE  
9 FORCED UPON THOSE WHO HAVE CONCERNS OR WHO ARE DIRECTLY  
10 IMPACTED BY IT EVEN WHEN WE HAVE DEADLINES THAT ARE IMPOSED  
11 UPON US. SO ENHANCING COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ALTERNATIVES NEED  
12 TO BE CONSIDERED, AND THE PROJECT SCHEDULE SHOULD BE MODIFIED  
13 ONLY TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION WHERE THERE IS NO OPPOSITION FROM  
14 THE CITIES, NO OPPOSITION FROM THE RESIDENTS, NO OPPOSITION  
15 FROM THE EMPLOYEES AT THE SITE WHERE IT'S BEING PUT. SO MY  
16 FIRST QUESTION IS TO THE L.A.-R.I.C.S., PAT, HOW LONG HAS THE  
17 J.P.A. HAD THE \$154.6 MILLION GRANT?

18

19 **PATRICK MALLON:** THE B.T.O.P. GRANT WAS ALLOCATED TO THE REGION  
20 IN 2010.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HOW MANY TIMES HAS THIS BEEN  
23 EXTENDED?

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1   **PATRICK MALLON:** IT'S BEEN EXTENDED ONCE FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD  
2   WHEN IN 2012 WHEN H.R.3630 WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT  
3   OBAMA ON FEBRUARY 22ND, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, INCLUDING THE  
4   DIRECTING THE F.C.C. TO AUCTION THE T-BAND. THAT SAME  
5   LEGISLATION ALSO ESTABLISHED THE FIRST RESPONDERS' NETWORK  
6   AUTHORITY, WHICH IS THE FEDERAL AGENCY UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF  
7   THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THE N.T.I.A., WHICH IS ALSO UNDER  
8   THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND IS THE GRANTOR FOR THIS  
9   FUNDING, DIRECTED THAT WE SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES UNTIL SUCH  
10   TIME AS FIRST NET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE FORMED AND TO  
11   DEVELOP A NATIONAL STRATEGY AS TO HOW THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
12   BROADBAND NETWORK WOULD BE DEPLOYED ACROSS THE NATION. AND  
13   THAT WOULD INCLUDE ALL 50 STATES AND SIX TERRITORIES. SO IN  
14   ABOUT APRIL OF 2012, N.T.I.A. SUSPENDED ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES  
15   ON THE GRANT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE WAS  
16   DEVELOPED. THE SPECTRUM LEASE AGREEMENT WAS EXECUTED BETWEEN  
17   THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY. AND THEY WERE IN 2013 AND WE  
18   FINALLY HAVE THE SUSPENSION LIFTED AND PROBABLY THE  
19   AUGUST/SEPTEMBER TIMEFRAME OF 2013. THAT, THEN, ALLOWED US TO  
20   MOVE FORWARD WITH DEVELOPING THE R.F.P. FOR THE SINGLE SYSTEM  
21   AND TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS. SO THERE WAS ONE EXTENSION OF TWO  
22   YEARS.  
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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT ARE COMPARABLE ALTERNATIVES  
25   THAT WOULD EXIST TO BUILDING THESE TOWERS?

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2 **PATRICK MALLON:** IN THE INITIAL VISIONS FOR THE L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
3 L.T.E. SYSTEM, THE FIRST AREA WE LOOKED AT WAS GOING ON TO  
4 EXISTING COMMERCIAL TOWERS. AND OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A NUMBER OF  
5 TOWERS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. EACH ONE OF THOSE  
6 TOWERS, A BAND OF ONE ANTENNA RING ON EACH ONE OF THOSE TOWERS  
7 RENTS FOR ANYWHERE BETWEEN 1,500 AND \$2,000 A MONTH IF IT'S  
8 OUT IN THE DESERT TO ABOUT \$20,000 A MONTH IF IT'S ACROSS THE  
9 STREET FROM THE STAPLES CENTER. YOU KNOW, AT 230 SITES THAT WE  
10 WERE INITIALLY ENVISIONED EVEN AT\$1,500 PER SITE, THAT WAS A  
11 \$4 MILLION PER YEAR COST TO SUBSCRIBERS, IN ADDITION TO THE  
12 COST OF DEPLOYING THE SYSTEM AND MAINTAINING THE SYSTEM. WITH  
13 THE MAXIMUM OF 50/55,000 USERS, THAT WOULD PUSH THE COST OF  
14 OPERATING A DEVICE WAY, WAY, WAY BEYOND WHAT THE COMMERCIAL  
15 DEVICES OPERATE AND QUITE SIMPLY THE MUNICIPALITIES COULDN'T  
16 AFFORD THAT.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THAT APPLY TO COVERAGE  
19 ALTERNATIVES IN AREAS WHERE TOWERS WOULD NOT BE BUILT  
20 INCLUDING INDEPENDENT CITIES THAT HAVE OPTED OUT OF THE  
21 PROJECT?

22

23 **PATRICK MALLON:** WELL, THERE COULD BE SOME COVERAGE IN THOSE  
24 AREAS. AS WAS POINTED OUT BY CHIEF OSBY EARLIER, DURING THE  
25 TIMES OF EMERGENCIES, IF WE DO HAVE TO GO OUT TO THOSE TOWERS

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1 AND USE THE COMMERCIAL SYSTEM, THOSE TOWERS, THOSE SPECTRUMS,  
2 WE HAVE NO RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION ON THOSE TO GO ON TO TOWERS  
3 AND TO INSTALL L.A.-R.I.C.S. EQUIPMENT, AGAIN WE'RE BACK TO  
4 THE POTENTIAL TO HAVE TO PAY 2,000 TO \$10,000. I DON'T KNOW IF  
5 WE COULD BUILD ACROSS FROM THE STAPLES CENTER.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF CITIES OPTING  
8 OUT OF L.A.-R.I.C.S., IS IT STILL AN INTEROPERABLE  
9 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM?

10

11 **PATRICK MALLON:** IT IS IF WE ARE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE BUILDING  
12 OUT THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE SOME DEPLOYABLES. IN OTHER WORDS, SITE  
13 ON WHEELS OR CELL ON WHEELS THAT WE CAN DEPLOY IN THE EVENT OF  
14 AN EMERGENCY, BUT THAT WOULD ONLY APPLY IF THE SYSTEM WAS  
15 FULLY BUILT OUT. IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO BUILD THE SYSTEM OUT,  
16 THEN INTEROPERABILITY ON THOSE SYSTEMS IS NON EXISTENT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DOES THIS GRANT DEADLINE, THE  
19 GRANT DEADLINE PREVENT US TO BE EXPLORING OTHER ALTERNATIVE,  
20 LOCATIONS, SITES FOR THESE TOWERS?

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22 **PATRICK MALLON:** WE ARE CLEARLY UNDER THE GUN BECAUSE OF THE  
23 GRANT DEADLINE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT WE WERE ALWAYS UNDER THE GUN. SO  
2    WHY DIDN'T THOSE IN CHARGE-- AND I'M NOT SHOOTING YOU, THE  
3    MESSENGER. YOU'RE THE MESSENGER, LET PEOPLE REALIZE, HE'S THE  
4    MESSENGER, SO DON'T TAKE OUT EVERYTHING OUT ON HIM. WHY WASN'T  
5    THERE AN ENHANCED EFFORT TO HAVE A GREATER OUTREACH WITHIN THE  
6    RESIDENTS, THOSE COMMUNITIES AND THE CITIES WHERE THERE ARE  
7    CITIES, RESIDENTS, TOWN COUNCILS AND THE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN  
8    THE STATIONS?

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10   **PATRICK MALLON:** CERTAINLY. [APPLAUSE.]

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE DON'T ALLOW APPLAUSE BUT IF  
13    YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT OR WHATEVER, LIFT THE ROOF WITH  
14    YOUR HANDS. EVERYBODY GETS, UNDERSTANDS WHERE YOU'RE COMING  
15    FROM AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. YES, SIR.

16

17   **PATRICK MALLON:** CLEARLY, WE ARE OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
18    LEVEL OF OUTREACH OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST 12 TO 15 MONTHS.  
19    WE HAVE HELD IN EXCESS OF 175 MEETINGS WITH CITIES AND CITY  
20    MANAGERS, CITY COUNCILS, WITH MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD AND YOUR  
21    STAFFS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. WE HAVE TAKEN GUIDANCE FROM  
22    THOSE CITIES AND THOSE ENTITIES THAT WE'VE MET WITH. AND WE  
23    WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE DOING A LEVEL OF  
24    OUTREACH THAT WAS FEASIBLY POSSIBLE WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES  
25    THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE TO DO THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THE GRANTOR-- LET'S SAY FIRST OF  
3 ALL, CAN THESE TOWERS BE BUILT IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS?

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5 **PATRICK MALLON:** THEY CAN BE BUILT IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS. THE  
6 ISSUE IS THAT OUR-- ALL THE SITES, IN ORDER TO BE CLEARED  
7 THROUGH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, HAVE TO MEET  
8 THE CRITERIA FOR C.E.Q.A.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THAT INCLUDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF  
11 WAYS?

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13 **PATRICK MALLON:** OUR C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION DOES NOT. OUR C.E.Q.A.  
14 EXCEPTION INCLUDES PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES, POLICE STATIONS,  
15 FIRE STATIONS, AND EXISTING PUBLICLY OWNED TRANSMITTER SITES.  
16 AND EVEN WITHOUT, THERE ARE SOME SITES WE ARE NOT ABLE TO  
17 BUILD ON BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. WE HAVE A SITE IN  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT THAT WE LOST IN THE LAST COUPLE  
19 DAYS BECAUSE IT HAS OLD GROWTH OAK TREES ALL SURROUNDING THE  
20 SITE. AND WE KNOW THAT WE CANNOT DAMAGE ANY OF THE OAK TREES.  
21 AND SO WE'VE HAD TO DROP THAT SITE, A NUMBER OF SITES.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE SOME CRITICS SAY SAVE THE  
24 TREES BUT NOT THE RESIDENTS. [LAUGHTER.]

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1   **PATRICK MALLON:** WE CAN'T PUT THE FIRE OUT THAT'S BURNING THE  
2   TREES BUT WE CAN SAVE THE TREE.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET AN EXEMPTION FOR  
5   PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE STRUCTURES?

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7   **PATRICK MALLON:** THE C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION THAT L.A.-R.I.C.S. WAS  
8   ABLE TO OBTAIN WITH GREAT SUPPORT BY THIS BOARD WAS A VERY  
9   HARD-FOUGHT ENDEAVOR IN SACRAMENTO. IT WOULD LITERALLY TAKE A  
10   LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS.

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE A LOT OF MOSES'S ON THIS  
13   BOARD. [LAUGHTER.] SO WE CAN PART THE RIVER OR WHATEVER OR  
14   BRING DOWN THE TABLETS. YOU COULD YOU USE SATELLITES INSTEAD  
15   OF BUILDING THE TOWERS?

16

17   **PATRICK MALLON:** SATELLITES WORK GREAT OUTDOORS. AS SOON AS YOU  
18   GO INDOORS AND YOU LOSE THE VISION OF THE SKY, YOU LOSE  
19   SATELLITE CONNECTIVITY.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT WOULD THE GRANTING AGENCY DO  
22   IF L.A.-R.I.C.S. PROJECT IS PARTIALLY BUILT OUT?

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1   **PATRICK MALLON:** IF THEY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE WILL  
2   NOT HAVE A VIABLE SYSTEM AT THE CONCLUSION, THEY HAVE IT  
3   WITHIN THEIR POWERS TO SUSPEND ANY FURTHER ACTIVITIES.

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5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW MANY OF THESE CONSTRUCTION SITES  
6   INVOLVE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE STATIONS?

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8   **PATRICK MALLON:** WE INITIALLY STARTED OUT WITH 34 L.A. CITY  
9   FIRE SITES. WE RAN INTO YOU THE-- U.F.L.A.C. RAISED THE  
10   CONCERNS WITH THE BROTHERS IN LOCAL 1014. WE WERE ABLE TO WORK  
11   THROUGH A NUMBER OF THOSE SITES AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE ON THE  
12   SCHEDULE TO BUILD 24 OF THE 34 SITES. ONE OF THE THINGS I  
13   POINTED OUT IN THE SLIDE WAS WE DID LOSE SOME SITES  
14   PARTICULARLY ON THE WEST END OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND  
15   WE'VE LOST COVERAGE IN THOSE AREAS.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HAVE THE L.A. CITY FIRE EMPLOYEES  
18   ORGANIZATIONS VOICED AN OPINION ON THIS?

19

20   **PATRICK MALLON:** THEY CLEARLY DID INITIALLY. THEY ARE STANDING  
21   WITH THEIR BROTHERS IN LOCAL 1014, BUT THEY ARE NOT STANDING  
22   IN THE WAY OF US MOVING FORWARD WITH THOSE 24 SITES.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOCTOR BUSHBERG, WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE  
2    TO THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES AS IT  
3    RELATES TO POTENTIAL HEALTH RISK?

4

5    **DR. JERROLD BUSHBERG:** I THINK OUR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER  
6    DID A GREAT JOB OF REVIEWING SOME CONFUSION THAT EXISTS OUT  
7    THERE BETWEEN IONIZING AND NONIONIZING RADIATION. AND I THINK  
8    THIS IS A COMPLICATED TOPIC. IT TAKES A LITTLE WHILE TO  
9    WALK/TALK THROUGH ALL OF THE IMPORTANT POINTS. BUT SUFFICE TO  
10   SAY THAT WE'VE BEEN STUDYING BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF R.F .ENERGY  
11   FOR NOW EIGHT DECADES OR MORE, AND KNOW MORE ABOUT IT THAN WE  
12   DO MOST CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL AGENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF X-  
13   RAYS AND A FEW OTHER THINGS. HAVING SAID THAT, THE VAST  
14   MAJORITY OF THE EVIDENCE LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A  
15   THRESHOLD EFFECT BEYOND A CERTAIN LEVEL WHERE UNDER THAT  
16   THRESHOLD THERE IS NO ADVERSE EFFECTS. THESE LEVELS THAT WE'RE  
17   DISCUSSING TODAY ARE HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF TIMES LOWER  
18   THAN THE LEVEL THAT WAS SET FOR CONTINUOUS PUBLIC EXPOSURE. SO  
19   I THINK WHEN YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK THROUGH SOME OF  
20   THE ISSUES THAT THEY MIGHT FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE  
21   FACILITIES THAT WERE PROPOSED.

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW CAN WE BE ASSURED THAT THERE  
24   WOULDN'T BE ANY FUTURE HEALTH RISK?

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1    **DR. JERROLD BUSHBERG:** AGAIN THE WAY WE ESTABLISH PHYSICAL,  
2    ESTABLISH SAFETY OF ANY PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL AGENT IS THE SAME  
3    WHETHER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IONIZING RADIATION OR RADIO WAVES  
4    OR A PARTICULAR CHEMICAL THAT'S USED IN A MANUFACTURING  
5    PROCESS. BECAUSE IF THERE'S A GENERAL TOXICOLOGICAL SCREENING  
6    THAT IS DONE AND INVOLVES STUDIES ON CELLS, ON ANIMALS ON  
7    EPIDEMIOLOGY, STUDY ON HUMAN POPULATIONS, EXPERT GROUPS ARE  
8    ASSEMBLED TO REVIEW THE SCIENCE AND WEIGH IN ON THE RELATIVE  
9    HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THAT PARTICULAR AGENT AND WHERE SAFETY  
10   STANDARDS SHOULD BE SET. THAT HAS BEEN DONE FOR R.F. LIKE IT  
11   HAS FOR MANY OTHER AGENTS. AS LONG AS YOU'RE BELOW THOSE  
12   LEVELS, THE PRESUMPTION IS THAT THEY'RE SAFE.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I JUST REMEMBER WHEN THE WRIST WATCH,  
15   THE DIAL WOULD BE ABLE TO GLOW IN THE DARK, THE PEOPLE MAKING  
16   THOSE WOULD USE THE TIP OF THEIR TONGUE TO PUT ON THE  
17   CHEMICAL.

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19   **DR. JERROLD BUSHBERG:** RADIUM DIAL PAINTER.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN THEY FOUND OUT LATER IT WAS A  
22   CANCER PROBLEM. THEN I'M YOUNG ENOUGH TO REMEMBER, AS MANY OF  
23   THE AUDIENCE, CHESTERFIELDS USED TO ADVERTISE THEIR CIGARETTES  
24   WITH THE THROAT T, WITH THE DOCTOR WITH THE HEADSET ON AND  
25   ALL, SAID THAT YOU COULD SMOKE CHESTERFIELDS BECAUSE IT DID

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1 THE THROAT T. ALL THESE COMMERCIALS, RIGHT? YOU WOULD SEE. SO  
2 WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY TODAY COULD BE TRUE TOMORROW OR THERE  
3 COULD BE CONCERNS RAISED AND MODIFICATIONS OF TOMORROW.

4

5 **DR. JERROLD BUSHBERG:** I GUESS I WOULD RESPOND BY SAYING THAT  
6 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE IDENTIFICATION OF SMOKING AS A  
7 CARCINOGEN AND THE RADIUM DIAL PAINTERS AS WELL IS AT THAT  
8 TIME, THERE WERE NOT DECADES OF EPIDEMIOLOGY TO DRAW  
9 CONCLUSIONS ABOUT ITS RELATIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY. THAT DOES  
10 EXIST FOR R.F. TODAY. ALONG WITH A MORE SOPHISTICATED ANALYSIS  
11 THAT ALLOWS US TO LOOK AT CHANGES AT THE CELLULAR LEVEL OF  
12 D.N.A. AS WELL AS LONG TERM EXPOSURES FOR ANIMALS' LIFETIME  
13 AND EVEN LIFETIME OF THE NEXT GENERATION.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. LET ME ASK ONE QUESTION TO  
16 DAVID GILLOTTE WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF 1014? DAVID? THE  
17 QUESTION I'D LIKE TO ASK IS: DO YOU SUPPORT THE L.M.R. WHICH  
18 IS THE LAND MOBILE RADIO TOWERS BUT OPPOSE THE L.T.E., THE  
19 LONG TERM EVOLUTION TOWERS. AND WHY DO YOU SUPPORT ONE AND NOT  
20 THE OTHER?

21

22 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, THAT'S A BIFURCATED  
23 QUESTION. THE LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEMS, JUST SO YOU KNOW  
24 TECHNICALLY, THAT'S WHERE MOST IF NOT ALL THE AUDIO  
25 COMMUNICATION IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE. FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS, WE

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1 DON'T SHIFT DATA AND VIDEO AROUND LIKE LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO THE  
2 L.M.R. SYSTEM IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT AND MAKE  
3 SURE IT'S ROBUST. NOW, WE DO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL TOWERS THAT  
4 HAVE RADIO FREQUENCY EMISSION ISSUES, WHETHER THEY BE L.M.R.  
5 OR WHETHER THEY BE L.T.E. AND YOU CAN ONLY LOOK AT THOSE  
6 LEVELS WHEN YOU MODEL THEM OUT BASED ON WHAT TOWER THEY'RE  
7 GOING TO TRANSMIT AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THEM. SO I  
8 HOPE THAT ANSWERS THAT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. I WANT TO READ IN A MOTION AND  
11 THEN IF THERE ARE ANY COMMENTS AND WE'LL ASK PUBLIC TESTIMONY.  
12 "THE OBJECTIVE OF THE L.A. REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE  
13 COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, THE L.A.-R.I.C.S., WAS TO BUILD A  
14 RELIABLE SYSTEM DEDICATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE PERSONNEL,  
15 SECONDARY RESPONDERS, BECAUSE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND  
16 UNIVERSALLY BE SUPPORTED. EQUALLY IMPORTANT ARE OUTREACH  
17 EFFORTS TO ITS CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS, THE IMPACTED  
18 EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS WHO RIGHTFULLY WANT TRANSPARENCY AND  
19 INCLUSION IN THE PROJECT. A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS  
20 HAVE BEEN RAISED BY LOCAL 1014 AS WELL AS RESIDENTS WHICH  
21 OUGHT TO BE ANSWERED AND ADDRESSED INCLUDING HEALTH RISKS  
22 ASSOCIATED WITH RADIO FREQUENCY EMISSIONS, MODELING AESTHETICS  
23 OF THE TOWERS AND CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SITES. THE  
24 LONG-TERM EVOLUTION SYSTEM, CURRENTLY SLATED FOR 177 ANTENNA  
25 SITES FOR DATA COMMUNICATIONS AND THE 71 LAND MOBILE RADIO



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1 SYSTEMS FOR VOICE COMMUNICATIONS CANNOT BE COMPLETED  
2 SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT ADEQUATE TIME, RESOURCES AND THE SUPPORT  
3 OF THOSE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. THE  
4 L.T.E. SYSTEM UNDERWAY FOR CONSTRUCTION NOW HAS RECEIVED  
5 \$154.6 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE BROADBAND  
6 TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM, B.T.O.P. GRANT WHICH  
7 EXPIRES IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2015. AN  
8 EXTENSION OF THAT DEADLINE WILL ALLEVIATE THE RUSH TO  
9 COMPLETION AND ALLOW L.A.-R.I.C.S. ALONG WITH THE PUBLIC  
10 SAFETY LEADERS TIME TO BRING TRANSPARENCY TO THE PROJECT  
11 WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES FROM THE  
12 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
13 INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PREPARE FOR THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF THE  
15 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL  
16 DELEGATION TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE B.T.O.P. GRANT  
17 AND/OR SEEK POTENTIAL FUNDING ALTERNATIVES TO THE B.T.O.P.  
18 GRANT, DIRECT THE COUNTY ADVOCATES TO WORK WITH THE  
19 ADMINISTRATION AND SCHEDULE MEETINGS WHEN WE ARE BACK IN  
20 WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH AND, 3, DELAY APPROVAL OF THE ITEM 18 ON  
21 TODAY'S AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE SITES UNOPPOSED BY  
22 RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES UNTIL THE RESPONSE REGARDING THE GRANT  
23 DEADLINE IS RECEIVED AND HALT CONSTRUCTION AT ALL L.A. COUNTY  
24 FIRE STATIONS, PROVIDE A REPORT IN TWO WEEKS ON THE ISSUE OF  
25 COLLOCATION BY COMMERCIAL CARRIERS AND INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS

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1 AND REQUEST THAT THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, THE BOARD WOULD  
2 REQUEST THAT THEY WOULD HOST REGIONAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS  
3 JOINTLY WITH THE FIRE CHIEF AND SHERIFF WHICH INCLUDE CURRENT  
4 AND FORMER MEMBER CITIES, IMPACTED RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO  
5 DISCUSS THE PROJECT WITH ADDITIONAL SMALLER MEETINGS AS  
6 NECESSARY, MODIFYING THE EXISTING CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE TO  
7 PROCEED WITH ONLY THOSE CONSTRUCTION SITES WHICH DO NOT HAVE  
8 OPPOSITION FROM RESIDENTS OR EMPLOYEES WHILE HOLDING OUTREACH  
9 MEETINGS IN OTHER AREAS AND PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH REPORT IN  
10 30 DAYS ON NEW AND/OR ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES AND MODELS  
11 FOR BACKUP SYSTEMS." SO THAT WILL BE THE MOTION WE'LL PUT ON  
12 THE TABLE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE HAVE A SECOND. SUPERVISOR  
17 KUEHL? SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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19 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A LOT  
20 OF TESTIMONY ABOUT THE HEALTH ISSUES. AND I KNOW TALKING ABOUT  
21 THE TOBACCO COMPANIES THAT ASSURED US THAT EVERYTHING WAS  
22 FINE, THE NUCLEAR MELTDOWN AT THE SANTA SUZANNA SITE I  
23 REMEMBER TWO SCIENTISTS TELLING ME THAT YOU GOT MORE RADIATION  
24 FROM A BANANA PEEL IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT THAN YOU WOULD  
25 GET FROM THIS NUCLEAR MELTDOWN. SO I SORT OF LOST A LITTLE

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1 FAITH IN SOME OF THE TESTIMONY. BUT I'LL LET YOU DUKE IT OUT  
2 ON THE HEALTH ISSUES AND WE'LL GET A LOT ON IT. MY QUESTIONS  
3 ARE IN TWO OTHER AREAS. ONE OF THEM HAS TO DO WITH COMPLETION  
4 AND WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE A COMPLETE SYSTEM. MY UNDERSTANDING  
5 IS, IF WE DO NOT PUT INTO SERVICE 155 TOWERS OR UNITS THEN THE  
6 SYSTEM WILL NOT BE OPERABLE TRULY INTEROPERABLE. IS THAT  
7 CORRECT?

8

9 **PATRICK MALLON:** THE N.T.I.A. HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEIR  
10 INTERPRETATION OF A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT IS 154 TO 155 SITES. IF  
11 THEY'RE OF THE CONCERN THAT THAT 154 TO 155 SITES CANNOT BE  
12 COMPLETED, THEN THEY FEEL IT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO STOP  
13 THE PROJECT FROM MOVING FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** I HAVE A CONTACT, AS IT TURNS OUT, FORTUITOUSLY AT  
16 N.T.I.A., BECAUSE ANN NEVILLE WHO USED TO WORK FOR ME IN  
17 SACRAMENTO IS NOW A FAIRLY HIGHLY-PLACED PERSON AT N.T.I.A.  
18 AND SO I HAD ASKED SOME INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS ABOUT IT. I  
19 APPRECIATE THE TESTIMONY FROM CHIEF AND THE SHERIFF. I THINK  
20 HAVING WATCHED A NUMBER OF TESTIMONIES ABOUT THE DEFENSE  
21 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY, I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT YOU NEED AND  
22 WHAT YOU WANT AND ARE PUSHING VERY HARD FOR IT. BUT I WANT TO  
23 UNDERSTAND A LITTLE MORE CLEARLY WHAT YOU NEED AND WHAT YOU  
24 WANT. BUT LET ME RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF COMPLETION. WITH  
25 THE CITIES THAT ARE OPTING OUT, WHICH MEANS THAT THE TOWERS

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1 WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BE BUILT IN THOSE CITIES, YOU SAID WE  
2 WOULD LOOK FOR ALTERNATE SITES. ALTERNATE SITES IN CONTIGUOUS  
3 CITIES THAT HAVE NOT OPTED OUT? ALTERNATE SITES IN THE COUNTY?  
4 IT SEEMS TO ME A LITTLE LOOSEY GOOSEY TO KIND OF ASSUME THAT  
5 FOR EVERY CITY THAT OPTS OUT, WE'LL SUDDENLY HAVE SOME WORK-  
6 ROUND SOMEWHERE THAT MAY BE ACCEPTABLE. HAS THERE BEEN-- I  
7 REALIZE THAT CITIES ARE FALLING LIKE FLIES AROUND THIS ISSUE,  
8 BUT HAS THERE BEEN ANY WORK DONE TO IDENTIFY THE REAL  
9 POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WOULD BE ALTERNATE SITES AND THUS THAT  
10 THE SYSTEM WOULD BE TRULY INTEROPERABLE AND COMPLETE?

11

12 **PATRICK MALLON:** FIRST OFF, THERE ARE CITIES THAT HAVE OPTED  
13 OUT OF THE AUTHORITY BUT HAVE ALLOWED THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
14 L.T.E. SITES IN THEIR CITIES.

15

16 **SUP. KUEHL:** BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY.

17

18 **PATRICK MALLON:** BURBANK IS ALLOWING ONE TO MOVE FORWARD.  
19 GARDENA HAD TWO SITES THAT WE ARE STILL MOVING FORWARD WITH.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** IT SEEMED LIKE YOU SHOWED A BIG CHUNK OF UNCOVERED  
22 AREA, HOWEVER, ON THE MAP.

23

24 **PATRICK MALLON:** THE AREA AROUND THE SOUTH BAY WHERE IT'S FROM  
25 TORRANCE KIND OF ALONG THE COAST GOING NORTH, THOSE CITIES

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1 HAVE OPTED OUT. WE DO NOT HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE FOR THOSE. THE  
2 ONLY OPTION THERE WOULD BE IF WE KNOW OF AN EVENT THAT'S  
3 COMING IN, WOULD BE TO MOVE A DEPLOYABLE IN. AND THAT WOULD  
4 ONLY WORK IF WE HAVE THE SYSTEM AND DEVICES DEPLOYED  
5 THROUGHOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTY THAT WILL OPERATE ON THAT  
6 SYSTEM.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO DOES THAT TUBE THE WHOLE SYSTEM?

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10 **PATRICK MALLON:** I'M SORRY.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** DOES THAT TUBE THE WHOLE SYSTEM?

13

14 **PATRICK MALLON:** THAT'S TRUE OF THE BROADBAND. IN THE BROADBAND  
15 SYSTEM, THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO LET ME COME TO THE BROADBAND SYSTEM, THEN.

18 BECAUSE WE HAD SOME TESTIMONY ABOUT TWO DIFFERENT SYSTEMS, ONE  
19 OF THEM REALLY RADIO, ONE OF THEM REALLY ABOUT DATA. AND THE  
20 LANGUAGE THAT WAS USED ON THE SLIDE I GUESS WE'LL STILL CALL  
21 THEM HAD TO DO WITH HIGH SPEED VIDEO AND DATA. MR. GILLOTTE  
22 HAD INDICATED THAT-- AND I BELIEVE THE CHIEF, ACTUALLY, TALKED  
23 ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT USES RADIO PRIMARILY.  
24 IS THAT CORRECT, CHIEF? CHIEF, SPEAK--

25

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1 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** OKAY, MAKE SURE MY MIC. WAS ON THE FACT OF  
2 THE MATTER WAS ARTICULATED BY THE PRESIDENT IS TRUE THAT  
3 PRIMARILY AS IT RELATES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE LAND MOBILE  
4 RADIO L.M.R., THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD USE AS A FORM OF  
5 COMMUNICATION. I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE, THERE'S TWO  
6 COMPONENTS TO THIS PROJECT, AND THEY BOTH HAVE TO DO WITH  
7 INTEROPERABILITY. SO L.M.R. NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD, THE FACT OF  
8 THE MATTER AS WAS ARTICULATED BY H.R.- 3630 THAT WE HAVE UNTIL  
9 CALENDAR YEAR 2023 TO COME UP WITH AN ALTERNATIVE. IN RELATION  
10 TO BROADBAND, IS THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. I MEAN, THAT IS  
11 THE NEXT GENERATION. THAT IS STATE OF THE ART AS IT RELATES TO  
12 PUBLIC SAFETY. OUR PROFESSION IS TRANSITIONING. THE FACT OF  
13 THE MATTER IS THAT WE ARE PRETTY MUCH A HOSPITAL ON WHEELS.  
14 OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE CALLS THAT WE GO ON ARE PARAMEDIC CALLS  
15 WITH AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE ACT THAT WAS IMPLEMENTED,  
16 ARTICULATES WHAT--

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THAT AND THE USE  
19 OF BROADBAND?

20

21 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** BROADBAND IS THAT THE INFORMATION THAT WE  
22 WOULD CAPTURE BY OUR PARAMEDICS ONCE WE PUT A COMPUTERIZED  
23 SYSTEM IN SERVICE, WHICH WILL BE EITHER THIS CALENDAR YEAR OR  
24 NEXT CALENDAR YEAR. THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED US TO  
25 PURCHASE THE DEVICES, BUT WE WILL NEED THE BROADBAND TO

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1 COMMUNICATE AMONGST DEVICES BETWEEN OUR COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND  
2 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE HOSPITALS TO TRANSMIT HIGHLY  
3 CONFIDENTIAL PATIENT INFORMATION TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE CARE  
4 AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AS IT RELATES FROM OUR  
5 PREMISE TO HOPSITALS.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU MEAN THE INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK THAT'S BEING  
8 PROPOSED HERE IN ORDER TO DO THAT?

9

10 **DARYL OSBY:** THAT WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO TRANSMIT  
11 INFORMATION, YES.

12

13 **SUP. KUEHL:** DO YOU HAVE NO COMMUNICATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
14 OFFICE AT THE MOMENT WHEN THINGS GO WRONG?

15

16 **DARYL OSBY:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. BUT RIGHT NOW WE ARE  
17 TALKING ABOUT BROADBAND, I BELIEVE.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH. BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE NOTION  
20 OF INTEROPERABILITY. AND THEN THE ANSWER THAT YOU GAVE ME,  
21 WHICH I UNDERSTAND THE SHERIFF WOULD BACK UP BECAUSE THEIR USE  
22 OF DATA IS ALREADY IN PLACE, I THINK, THAT WE NEED SOME WAY TO  
23 TRANSMIT DATA, VIDEO, DIFFERENT KIND OF INFORMATION THAT IS  
24 NOT GIVEN OVER RADIO FREQUENCIES TO EACH OTHER. AND SO FAR THE  
25 ONLY SYSTEM THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED FOR THIS INVOLVES THE USE



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1 OF BROADBAND. AND I GOT A LITTLE CONFUSED WHEN WE WERE TALKING  
2 ABOUT 2023 AND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN 2023 AND HOW IT  
3 AFFECTS WHAT-- LET'S SAY WE FINISH THE WHOLE SYSTEM. WHAT  
4 HAPPENS IN 2023 NOW THAT WE FINISH THIS WHOLE SYSTEM?

5

6 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** OKAY. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION AS IT RELATES  
7 TO 2023, THAT IS IN RELATION TO RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS,  
8 NOT BROADBAND. SO THAT SAYS THAT ANY USER THAT'S ON T-BAND,  
9 WHICH IS A U.H.F. CHANNEL THAT THE SHERIFF AND THE FIRE  
10 DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY USE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS THAT BY  
11 2023 YOU HAVE TO TRANSITION OFF THAT FREQUENCY. THEY'RE GOING  
12 TO SELL THAT FREQUENCY TO THE CABLE CHANNELS. AND THEN USE THE  
13 PROCEEDS TO REIMBURSE US FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THAT  
14 WE DEVELOPED. SO WE'RE BEING PROACTIVE AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW,  
15 IN ADVANCE OF 2023 TO DEVELOP AN INTEROPERABLE RADIO  
16 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM PRIOR TO 2023.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO AN INTEROPERABLE RADIO SYSTEM AND A SEPARATE  
19 INTEROPERABLE BROADBAND SYSTEM FOR DATA?

20

21 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** YES. TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS.

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** SHERIFF, COULD YOU TELL ME THE NECESSITY OF THE  
24 USE OF BROADBAND AND THE TRANSMISSION OF DATA AND VIDEO IN  
25 YOUR WORK?

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1

2 **SHERIFF JIM MC DONNELL:** SURE. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE NEXT  
3 GENERATION, IF YOU WILL, OF RADIO COMMUNICATION WILL NOT BE  
4 JUST THE VOICE RADIO CALL BUT POTENTIALLY ACCESS TO CLOSED  
5 CIRCUIT T.V. TO BE ABLE TO BASICALLY TAKE WHAT'S GOING ON IN  
6 THE FIELD, BRING IT THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS AND PUMP IT OUT,  
7 THEN.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** REALTIME.

10

11 **SHERIFF JIM MC DONNELL:** REAL TIME, WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE  
12 SCENE BASED UPON THE CAMERAS WE HAVE ACCESS TO. IT'LL ENHANCE  
13 US FOR SAFETY AND PUBLIC SAFETY AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THAT'S  
14 WHAT WE'RE BUILDING TOWARD. AS THE FIRE CHIEF MENTIONED, THE  
15 SYSTEMS WE HAVE TODAY ARE ANTIQUATED. AND EVEN IF WE CAN NURSE  
16 THEM ALONG UNTIL 2023, WE LOSE WHAT WE HAVE AT THAT TIME IF  
17 EVERYTHING GOES--

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** IN TERMS OF THE TOWERS THAT ARE PROPOSED TO BE  
20 BUILT, ARE THEY TO BE FOR BOTH THE ENHANCED RADIO SYSTEM AND  
21 BROADBAND?

22

23 **SHERIFF JIM MC DONNELL:** YES.

24

25 **PATRICK MALLON:** SOME OF THEM.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** SOME OF THEM?

3

4 **PATRICK MALLON:** YES. I BELIEVE WE HAD 10 SITES, 10 COUNTY FIRE  
5 SITES THAT WERE ALSO TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE L.M.R.  
6 SYSTEM, THE LAND MOBILE RADIO SYSTEM. THEY WOULD BE ON THE 75-  
7 FOOT MONOPOLES.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** MR. GILLOTTE, WHEN WE TALKED EARLIER, YOU SAID  
10 YOUR MEMBERS DID NOT FEEL THE SAME HEALTH RISKS FROM RADIO.  
11 BUT WHEN YOU JUST TESTIFIED TODAY, YOU SAID THERE WAS  
12 OPPOSITION TO BOTH?

13

14 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** THAT QUESTION NEEDS ADDITIONAL DATA, JUST LIKE  
15 YOU'VE INDICATED TODAY, TO MAKE THAT CALL. THERE'S  
16 POTENTIATION THAT COULD BE WORSE THAN TWO L.T.E. ANTENNAS SIDE  
17 BY SIDE, WHEN YOU PUT AN L.M.R. AND L.T.E. ANTENNA TOGETHER.  
18 THERE'S POTENTIATION. WE HAVEN'T EVEN MODELED THAT OUT YET, SO  
19 I REALLY COULDN'T EVEN ANSWER FOR YOU WHETHER THERE'S  
20 INCREASED RISKS OR NOT. BUT I CAN TELL YOU, I'M HIGHLY SUSPECT  
21 THERE WILL BE INCREASED RISKS PUTTING IT OFF THE CHART IN  
22 RELATIVE TO THE R.F. EMISSIONS.

23

24 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

25

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1   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I ALSO HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. I  
2   NOTICED ON A LIST I HAD OF CITIES THAT HAVE OPTED OUT, ONE OF  
3   MY CITIES THAT WAS VERY CONCERNED, DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS  
4   ISSUE WAS THE CITY OF EL MONTE. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF  
5   OUTREACH ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO MY COMING ON BOARD. SO  
6   COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH YOU DID IN THE FIRST  
7   DISTRICT WITH OUR CITIES?

8

9   **PATRICK MALLON:** WE HELD-- I BELIEVE-- I ATTENDED AT LEAST TWO  
10   MEETINGS MYSELF AND MY STAFF MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ATTEND  
11   ONE OR TWO MORE WITH THE CITY OF EL MONTE TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT  
12   WAS THAT WE WERE BUILDING.

13

14   **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WAS THAT AT A PUBLIC MEETING?

15

16   **PATRICK MALLON:** NO. THAT WAS WITH THE CITY MANAGER AND THE  
17   CHIEF OF POLICE.

18

19   **SUP. SOLIS:** AND WHEN DID THAT TAKE PLACE?

20

21   **PATRICK MALLON:** I DON'T KNOW OFFHAND. IT WAS PROBABLY WITHIN  
22   THE LAST SIX MONTHS. I CAN IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC DATE.

23

24   **SUP. SOLIS:** I THINK WHAT I'VE LEARNED, THOUGH, FROM SOME OF MY  
25   OTHER CITIES WHO HAVE CONTACTED ME IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE

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1 WEEKS, COMMERCE, ROSEMEAD AND OTHERS, IS THAT STAFF PRIMARILY  
2 SPOKE TO EITHER CITY MANAGER OR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS BUT NOT  
3 THE PUBLIC. AND MAY NOT HAVE EVEN SPOKEN TO THE APPROPRIATE  
4 EMPLOYEES AFFECTED. SO IN THE CASE OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE  
5 WHERE WE HAVE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, I DON'T KNOW THAT  
6 THERE WAS, INDEED, OUTREACH THAT TOOK PLACE AT THAT PARTICULAR  
7 FIRE STATION. AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW: AM I CORRECT IN STATING  
8 THAT?

9

10 **PATRICK MALLON:** WELL, WE, AGAIN, FOR COUNTY FIRE STATIONS, WE  
11 WERE DEALING THROUGH EITHER THE BOARD OFFICES OR THROUGH THE  
12 FIRE DEPARTMENT ITSELF.

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** NO ONE WENT THROUGH MY OFFICE THAT I KNOW OF.  
15 [APPLAUSE.] I'M NOT TRYING TO EXCITE PEOPLE OUT THERE. I'M  
16 JUST TRYING TO ASK MY QUESTIONS. AND SOMEONE WHO ACTUALLY  
17 EXPERIENCED WHAT HAPPENED BACK 9/11 IN WASHINGTON, D.C., NOT  
18 HAVING THE ABILITY TO TALK TO PEOPLE ON THE PHONE, RADIO, OR  
19 BEING ABLE TO HAVE OUR SYSTEMS SPEAK WITH EACH OTHER THROUGH  
20 TRANSMITTERS I THINK WAS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR MANY OF US  
21 AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AT THAT TIME. AND I CONTINUE TO BE  
22 FRUSTRATED BECAUSE WE'RE NOT-- WE'RE STILL NOT THERE. AND HERE  
23 WE ARE SO MANY, MORE THAN A DECADE OUT. BUT I ALSO HAVE A  
24 GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC  
25 INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY. I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING THAT I

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1 ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT IN TERMS OF THE KIND OF OUTREACH THAT'S  
2 NECESSARY OUTREACH TO MOVE FORWARD AND CONCUR WITH THE MAYOR  
3 THAT THERE REALLY HAS TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY. BECAUSE WHAT  
4 HAPPENS WHEN WE HAVE OTHER CITIES AS A RESULT OF WHAT'S  
5 HAPPENING HERE TODAY THAT MAY WANT TO OPT OUT? I DO HAVE A  
6 CONCERN THAT PERHAPS THE R.I.C.S. WILL LOOK AT OTHER PLACES TO  
7 SET UP SHOP AND WILL THEY, IN FACT-- WILL YOU ALL DO THE RIGHT  
8 THING IN TERMS OF COMMUNICATING AND HAVING THOSE MEETINGS THAT  
9 ARE NECESSARY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE  
10 ARTICULATED TO EVERYONE AND IN THEIR LANGUAGES. THAT'S THE  
11 OTHER THING. SOME OF US REPRESENT VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES,  
12 AND SECURITY AND SAFETY ARE HIGH ON EVERYONE'S LIST, INCLUDING  
13 MY DISTRICT, AND PEOPLE DO WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND  
14 WE DO CARE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AROUND US BECAUSE IN MANY  
15 PLACES IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE'VE HAD PEOPLE TELL US TIME  
16 AND TIME AGAIN THAT THINGS ARE OKAY. BUT THEY'RE NOT. IN MANY  
17 WAYS, AND MAYBE I'M STRETCHING THIS A BIT, BUT I KNOW WHAT IT  
18 MEANS TO ALSO UNDERSTAND WHEN PEOPLE WANT EQUIPMENT, WHEN THEY  
19 NEED THINGS. AND SOMETIMES NOT DOING ALL THE DUE DILIGENCE IN  
20 TERMS OF WHAT THOSE EFFECTS ARE OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT  
21 HAVE YOU, WE LOSE SIGHT OF THAT. THIS ISN'T A NEW DISCUSSION  
22 FOR ME, SOMETHING THAT I RECALL HAVING IN SACRAMENTO AND ALSO  
23 IN THE CONGRESS. AND WITH RESPECT TO IODINE AND OTHER  
24 CONTAMINANTS, WHETHER THEY BE AMBIENT OR IN THE GROUND, I'M  
25 VERY CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF OUR WORK IN COMMUNITIES

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1 THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED. WE TALK ABOUT SAFEGUARDS AND THE  
2 NECESSITY TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR LAWS WILL FULLY IMPLEMENTED,  
3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, C.E.Q.A., ALL OF THOSE REQUIREMENTS  
4 AND TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE IMPACTS ARE. TODAY I'M NOT-  
5 - I DON'T FEEL SAFE IN KNOWING THAT THE DIRECTION THAT WE'RE  
6 GOING IN BECAUSE WE HAVE A DEADLINE IS FORCING OUR EFFORTS  
7 HERE MAYBE IN A WAY THAT WE COULD SLOW DOWN AND HAVE MORE  
8 DEBATE, MORE DISCUSSION AND HAVE MORE INPUT FROM OUR  
9 COMMUNITIES THAT WE REPRESENT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THE MOTION THAT YOU HAVE ON THE FLOOR IS  
12 SOMEWHAT OPEN-ENDED. SO I THINK YOU SAID IT EARLIER, BUT WHAT  
13 HAPPENS TO THE FEDERAL GRANT IF WE DON'T MOVE FORWARD AT SOME  
14 POINT ON THESE SITE AGREEMENTS? THEY JUST GO AWAY?

15

16 **PATRICK MALLON:** AS OF OCTOBER THE 1ST, N.T.A.I. HAS INFORMED  
17 US BECAUSE IT WAS A FIVE-YEAR APPROPRIATION, ANY FUNDS THAT  
18 HAVE NOT BEEN REIMBURSED FOR THE COUNTY BY THAT DATE OR  
19 REIMBURSED TO THE AUTHORITY, I SHOULD SAY, COUNTY AS THE  
20 BANKER, WILL BE SWEEPED.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD HOPE THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS  
23 REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION THAT J.P.A. MOVES FORWARD WITH  
24 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO SORT OF BRING EVERYBODY  
25 TOGETHER. IS THERE A DROP DEAD DATE AS TO WHAT TIME-- I KNOW



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1 WHEN THE GRANT EXPIRES, BUT THIS BOARD TO TAKE ACTION, WHETHER  
2 OR NOT AT SOME POINT IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO GET THE EXTENSION,  
3 IS IT JULY 31ST? IS IT AUGUST 2ND? AT WHAT POINT WOULD THE  
4 BOARD NEED TO TAKE AN ACTION TO PRESERVE THE GRANT? WHAT TIME  
5 DO WE HAVE AS WE WORK TOWARDS THIS EXTENSION?

6

7 **PATRICK MALLON:** N.T.I.A. HAS INFORMED US THAT IF THEY DON'T  
8 SEE A POSITIVE BUILD OF THE SYSTEM BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 1ST,  
9 MAY 1ST IS THEIR DECISION DATE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I WOULD THINK THAT PART OF THE MAYOR'S MOTION  
12 INDICATES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BUILDING IN THOSE AREAS  
13 WHERE THERE'S NOT OPPOSITION. I MEAN, I THINK HOPEFULLY THAT  
14 WOULD SHOW GOOD-FAITH EFFORT TO THE FOLKS BACK IN WASHINGTON  
15 THAT WE'RE NOT JUST BLOWING THE WHOLE THING UP AT THIS  
16 PARTICULAR POINT. ADDITIONAL OUTREACH BY ALL OF YOU MAY BRING  
17 SOME RESOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE. BECAUSE WE'RE ALL CONFUSED BY  
18 IT, CONFUSED BY IT, I MEAN I BELIEVE THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE  
19 AND I'M SUPPORTIVE OF. THE 1014, GILLOTTE, I MEAN HE CAME TO  
20 ME EARLY ON IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT. NOW I GOT THE  
21 OPPOSITION. SO WE WANT TO DO IT RIGHT. AND I THINK WE ALL KNOW  
22 AS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN AMERICA AND ALSO AS THE RECIPIENT OF  
23 FLOODS, FIRES AND EARTHQUAKES, HOW IMPORTANT THE ABILITY TO  
24 COMMUNICATE IS. BUT WE ALL REPRESENT CITIES AND WANT TO BE  
25 RESPONSIVE TO THEM AND TO THEIR NEEDS, AS WELL, TOO. AS A

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1 FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN AND MAYOR OF A CITY, I DIDN'T ALWAYS  
2 BUY JUST MEETING WITH THE CITY MANAGER BECAUSE THE CITY  
3 COUNCIL HAD FEELINGS, TOO AS WELL AS THE CONSTITUENTS THAT YOU  
4 REPRESENT. IF WE MOVE FORWARD THIS MOTION, I THINK WE NEED TO  
5 BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS THIS DEADLINE OUT THERE  
6 AND AT SOME POINT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE DEAL.  
7 AND BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHETHER OR NOT TO RESPONDS TO  
8 IT. WE EITHER WALK AWAY FROM IT IF THAT'S THE WILL OF THE  
9 BOARD, OR PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION THAT WE  
10 HAVE. BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO GET VERY AGGRESSIVE AND USE  
11 ADDITIONAL FUNDS IF NECESSARY. GET VERY AGGRESSIVE IN MOVING  
12 FORWARD AND TALKING TO THE VARIOUS CITIES AT THE POTENTIAL  
13 LOCATIONS, THAT KIND OF THING.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK ONE QUESTION. I HAD  
16 RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION JUST RECENTLY FROM THE CITY OF  
17 GLENDORA DATED TODAY BY THE CITY MANAGER, CHRIS JEFFERS. HE  
18 STATED: "WE ARE BOTH SADDENED AND ANNOYED TO REPORT THAT OUR  
19 REQUEST AND REQUEST OF THOUSANDS OF YOUR EMPLOYEES HAS  
20 APPARENTLY BEEN IGNORED AS CONSTRUCTION CREWS HAVE COMPLETED  
21 INSTALLATION AT STATION 85, WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST OF THREE  
22 MONOPOLES IN OUR CITY. IT SAYS THE CITY OF GLENDORA'S  
23 OBJECTIVE FOR NEARLY A YEAR TO SUGGESTIONS THAT L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
24 IS MOVING FORWARD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLES IN OUR CITY,  
25 WE HAVE COMMUNICATED TO THEM THAT OUR GENERAL PLANNING POLICY

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1 SHOULD NOT APPLY AND THAT AT A MINIMUM, A N.E.P.A. PROCESS  
2 NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED FIRST. DECISION MAKERS MUST HAVE AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE SCOPE AND ANY ISSUES THAT  
4 MAY EXIST. PUSHING FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT PRIOR TO ANY  
5 N.E.P.A. PROJECT BEING COMPLETED FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT ONLY  
6 LEADS TO THE SUSPICION THAT THERE ARE ISSUES WITH NO ANSWERS  
7 OR, WORSE, AN ATTITUDE OF LACK OF CARING. THE LEADERSHIP OF  
8 YOU AND YOUR FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS IS NEEDED IN THIS SERIOUS  
9 MATTER. WE INSIST THAT YOU PLACE A HOLD ON THE L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
10 PROJECT IN GLENDORA AND ELSEWHERE UNTIL PUBLIC COMMENT IS  
11 RECEIVED FROM AND THE N.E.P.A. PROCESS IS CLEARED." THE  
12 QUESTION, HOW DID THEY COMPLETE STATION 85 WHEN THERE WERE  
13 CONCERNS ABOUT THAT?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, I WANTED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE ABOUT THE  
16 N.E.P.A. PROCESS. WE HAVE CONTACTED, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT  
17 WITH GLENDORA CITY ATTORNEY AND THEIR OUTSIDE COUNSEL, THROUGH  
18 MYSELF AND THROUGH OUR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL COUNSEL. WITH RESPECT  
19 TO THE N.E.P.A. ISSUE HE KEEPS RAISING, N.E.P.A. HAS BEEN  
20 COMPLETED ON THE PROJECT AND WE HAVE PROVIDED THE CITY OF  
21 GLENDORA WITH THE AUTHORITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
22 DOCUMENT AS WELL AS THE N.T.I.A.'S N.E.P.A. DOCUMENT. SO  
23 N.E.P.A. IS COMPLETED ON THE L.T.E. PROJECT. DESPITE OUR  
24 CONTACTS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS COUNSELS, UNFORTUNATELY THE CITY  
25 MANAGER IS STILL UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT N.E.P.A. HAS NOT

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1 BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT IS NOT ACCURATE FOR THE L.T.E.  
2 PROJECT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN YOU GIVE THEM THAT INFORMATION,  
5 THE CITY MANAGER, IS SHE OR SHE NOTIFIED, AS WELL?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE C.C. ON THE CORRESPONDENCE, THE LETTERS AND  
8 THE MATERIALS. SO IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT'S  
9 THE CASE. NOW WITH RESPECT TO L.M.R., MAYBE HE IS CONFUSING  
10 THE L.M.R. PROJECT WITH L.T.E. AND THE N.E.P.A. COMPLIANCE TO  
11 DATE HAS TO BE DONE FOR L.M.R. BUT WITH RESPECT TO L.T.E., WE  
12 ARE PERFECTLY CLEARED. N.E.P.A. COMPLIANCE HAS OCCURRED AND  
13 THE F.O.N.S.I. HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR THE N.T.I.A. FOR TAHT  
14 PROJECT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
17 COUNCILMEMBER BEA DIERINGER. DAVE GILLOTTE

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M GOING TO HOLD EVERYBODY TO ONE  
20 MINUTE BECAUSE WE HAVE, YOU CAN SEE HOW MANY WE HAVE. BUT I'M  
21 GOING TO LET THE COUNCILWOMAN AND DAVID GILLOTTE, THE  
22 PRESIDENT, SPEAK FOR THREE MINUTES EACH. THE REST WILL BE ONE  
23 MINUTE.

24

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1    **BEA DIERINGER:** THANK YOU. HONORABLE MAYOR AND HONORABLE  
2    MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS BEA DIERINGER.  
3    I'M A COUNCILMEMBER FROM THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS. OUR CITY  
4    COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION MARCH 9, 2015 OPPOSING THE  
5    CONSTRUCTION OF ANY L.A.-R.I.C.S. TOWER IN OUR CITY.  
6    [APPLAUSE.] WE ARE ASKING THIS BOARD TO REMOVE OUR CITY FROM  
7    THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, BUT I WANT TO THANK  
8    THIS BOARD FOR OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE L.A.-  
9    R.I.C.S. PROJECT. BASED UPON WHAT WE'VE BEEN GROWING THROUGH,  
10   I CAN TELL YOU IN THIS PROJECT DEFINITELY NEEDS THIS BOARD'S  
11   CAREFUL OVERSIGHT. AND THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. OUR CITY  
12   MANAGER ATTENDED THE MEETINGS IN WHICH L.A.-R.I.C.S. ASSURED  
13   HIM THAT IF OUR FIRE STATION WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF THE 200  
14   PLUS POSSIBLE L.T.E. SITES USED BY L.A.-R.I.C.S., THEY WOULD,  
15   ONE, NOTIFY US, TWO, GIVE OUR RESIDENTS PLENTY OF TIME FOR  
16   PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDER THEIR VIEWS AT THE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
17   THEY ALSO SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD AN EXEMPTION FROM  
18   C.E.Q.A. AND FROM OUR LOCAL ZONING LAWS, THEY WOULD STILL WORK  
19   WITHIN OUR ZONING LAWS AND CONSIDER THEM. NONE OF THAT  
20   HAPPENED. IT WAS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ME WHEN ONE OF MY  
21   RESIDENTS INDICATED TO ME THAT HE SAW WHAT LOOKED LIKE CORE  
22   SAMPLES BEING TAKEN FROM THE AREA OF THE TOWER. I CONTACTED  
23   OUR CITY MANAGER WHO SAID "WELL, NO, THAT COULDN'T BE BECAUSE  
24   WE HAVE PROMISES. THEY WERE GOING TO NOTIFY US. " BUT AT MY  
25   REQUEST, HE NEVERTHELESS MADE A PHONE CALL TO L.A.-R.I.C.S.

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1 AND SAID "HEY, WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION, THERE WAS SOME WORK  
2 THERE, WHAT'S GOING ON?" TO HIS COMPLETE IS SURPRISE, HE WAS  
3 INFORMED THAT, OH, YES, THEY HAD BUILDING PLANS ALREADY IN  
4 PLACE AND THEY WERE ABOUT TO PRESENT THEM TO L.A. COUNTY  
5 BUILDING AND SAFETY. AT THAT POINT HE SAID, "NO, YOU GAVE US  
6 PROMISES. YOU NEED TO KEEP THOSE PROMISES." SO THEY DID HOLD  
7 BACK ON THE BUILDING PLANS. AND THERE WERE SOME TWO HASTILY  
8 SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAD TO ROUND UP AND  
9 NOTIFY RESIDENTS. WE HAD AN OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF PEOPLE SHOW  
10 UP FOR THESE HASTILY SCHEDULED MEETINGS, ALL VERY OUTRAGED  
11 ABOUT THIS TOWER AND THE IDEA THAT THEY WOULD JUST PLACE THAT  
12 IN THERE WITHOUT GIVING US ANY NOTICE WHATSOEVER. SO THAT LED  
13 TO A RESOLUTION. BUT NOTWITHSTANDING OUR COMMUNITY'S EXPRESSED  
14 CONCERNS, THESE CONCERNS WERE EITHER DISMISSED OR MINIMIZED.  
15 WE HAVE ONE 85-YEAR-OLD RESIDENT, MR. COROMAS, WHO LIVES  
16 ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS PROPOSED TOWER, AND AT THE FIRST  
17 MEETING HE INFORMED MR. MALLON THAT HIS CARDIOLOGIST HAD  
18 ADVISED HIM TO AVOID ANY R.F. EMISSIONS BECAUSE HE HAS A  
19 PACEMAKER. SO IN OTHER WORDS THE FAILURE OF THIS PACEMAKER  
20 PARTICULARLY AT HIS ADVANCED AGE WOULD MOST LIKELY RESULT IN  
21 HIS DEATH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL  
24 UP VICTORIA LOCKE, ROGER PUGLIESE AND ANN BELLIS. MR.  
25 GILLOTTE.

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1

2   **DAVE GILLOTTE:** MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
3   THE L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 1014, BUT MORE  
4   IMPORTANTLY REALIZE I'M ALSO A 25 YEAR VETERAN FIRE CAPTAIN.  
5   I'VE BEEN A PARAMEDIC AND ENGINEER. I WORK AT FIRE STATION 16  
6   WHERE OUTSIDE OF MY KITCHEN WINDOW I CAN NOW THROW A STONE TO  
7   A 70-FOOT TOWER THAT IS CLOSER TO THE TWO-STORY APARTMENT  
8   BUILDING WITH SOME OF THE LOW INCOME KIDS THAT WE MENTOR AT  
9   OUR STATION, WHO HAVE NOT HAD A VOICE AT THIS. AND I STAND  
10   ALLIED WITH NOT ONLY THE RESIDENTS THAT WE SERVE MY FIRE  
11   STATION BUT WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND I  
12   WANT TO CUT TO IT. I HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE GOING OUT BUYING A  
13   PACK OF CIGARETTES MORE THAN RIGHT NOW AND GET MY SMOKE ON  
14   BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S GOING TO JUST BE OKAY, ISN'T IT? THERE IS  
15   NO SCIENTIFIC DATA CORRELATING SMOKING OF CIGARETTES AND  
16   CANCER. WAIT, THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC DATA CORRELATING CANCER  
17   AND FIREFIGHTERS GOING INTO SMOKE-FILLED ENVIRONMENTS. I'VE  
18   BEEN THROUGH SENATE ASSEMBLY HEARINGS MAKING TESTIMONY TO THIS  
19   FACT ONLY TO HEAR THINGS LIKE THAT BROUGHT UP LIKE WE HEARD  
20   HERE TODAY. IT'S RIDICULOUS. THIS IS A 20-YEAR-OLD STANDARD  
21   THAT WE'RE RECURRINGLY GOING BACK TO WHICH IS NOT EVEN A  
22   SAFETY STANDARD. THERE ARE NO HEALTH AND SAFETY PEOPLE  
23   INVOLVED IN THIS F.C.C. STANDARD. IT'S 20 YEARS OLD, PEOPLE.  
24   IT'S TIME TO GET CURRENT. ALSO THIS IS ABOUT TRANSPARENCY AND  
25   ACCOUNTABILITY. THIS IS THE SAME L.A.-R.I.C.S. BOARD THAT



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1 COULDN'T GET THROUGH A BID PROCESS TWICE, HAS BEEN THROUGH ALL  
2 KIND OF MIRE AND CHAOS. AND THEY'RE ASKING YOU TO ALLOW THEM  
3 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ACTING INTERIM C.E.O. CAN  
4 MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOU. I WOULDN'T WANT TO TURN OVER MY POWERS  
5 AS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ANYBODY AT THIS POINT OTHER  
6 THAN YOURSELVES AND REPRESENT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR DISTRICTS.  
7 AND LAST TIME I CHECKED, FIREFIGHTERS WEIGHING IN WHO DORM AND  
8 LIVE, WE ARE NOT TRANSIENT EMPLOYEES, AT THE FIRE STATIONS,  
9 WHEN DID WE STOP MATTERING AS FAR AS INPUT GOES FROM PEOPLE  
10 AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR WHAT THE IMPACT IS GOING TO BE WITH THESE  
11 TOWERS? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHEN THAT HAPPENED. SO I THINK THE  
12 CITIZENS ARE HERE TO BE WITH US, BUT WE'RE HERE AS USUAL TO BE  
13 WITH THEM. THIS IS QUITE SIMPLE. SLOW DOWN. HALT. LET'S UNIFY,  
14 BRING ALL OF THE L.M.R. AND L.T.E. ISSUES TOGETHER. BRING THE  
15 CITIES BACK IN. LET'S GO CHASE NEW GRANT MONIES. BY THE WAY,  
16 TALK ABOUT BITE OFF YOUR NOSE TO SPITE YOUR FACE, IF WE ARE  
17 GOING TO GO BACK TO FIGHT TO KEEP THESE T-BAND CHANNELS, ONE  
18 OF THE EASIEST WAYS TO SAY WE GIVE IS TO MOVE ON OVER TO  
19 BROADBAND RIGHT NOW WHICH IS DATA AND VIDEO AND NOT VOICE  
20 COMMUNICATIONS AND SAY WE GIVE. AND I READ TO YOU FROM THE  
21 G.A.O.'S REPORT ON THIS. "FOR MISSION CRITICAL VOICE  
22 COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES WILL LIKELY CONTINUE TO  
23 RELY ON THEIR L.M.R. SYSTEMS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS." DON'T BUY  
24 OFF ON BAIT AND SWITCH. PLEASE BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE AMENDMENTS  
25 TO THIS MOTION.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DAVID. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
3 MILDRED BELLIS. THE REST WILL BE NOW ONE MINUTE EACH BECAUSE  
4 WE HAVE ABOUT 60 PEOPLE AND WE HAVE A LOT MORE ON THE AGENDA.  
5 YES, MA'AM? <<SPEAKER: WHAT A BETRAYAL. OSBY STANDS ON  
6 SUPPORTING L.A.-R.I.C.S. WHILE MOST OF THE FIREMEN UNDER HIM  
7 OPPOSE IT IS UNCONSCIONABLE. THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE  
8 COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THAT'S BEING UTILIZED NOW. THE  
9 FIREFIGHTERS FEDERATION IS OPPOSED TO L.A.-R.I.C.S. AS ARE  
10 MOST FIREMEN. IF THERE WERE REAL CONCERN ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY,  
11 THERE WOULDN'T BE A C.E.Q.A. EXEMPTION. AND THESE TOWERS  
12 WOULDN'T BE APPEARING OVERNIGHT WITHOUT PUBLIC OUTREACH OR  
13 HEARINGS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS: MONEY. THE COUNTY IS GOING TO  
14 RENT OUT POLE SPACE AND IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN TALKED ABOUT HERE,  
15 TO VENDORS LIKE CELL PHONE COMPANIES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES  
16 WITHOUT OVERSIGHT. LOTS OF DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE  
17 INSTALLED AND FREQUENCIES CAN BE INCREASED AND POWER LEVELS  
18 MANIPULATED WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY OR ANY NOTICE  
19 GIVEN TO CITIES OR RESIDENTS OR FIREMEN LIVING AT THE BASE OF  
20 THOSE POLES. THEY FOUND SCIENTISTS TO DEFEAT THE FINDINGS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
2    UP KEVIN MOTTUS AND CECELIA CORTEZ. YES, SIR.

3

4    **ROGER PUGLIESE:** SOME OF WHAT I'M ABOUT TO TALK ABOUT HAS  
5    ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED SO PARDON ME FOR REPEATING IT.  
6    HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ROGER PUGLIESE. I AM THE  
7    CHAIR OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR SCENIC COMMUNITY. OUR  
8    ORGANIZATION PRESENTLY REPRESENTS OVER 400 RESIDENTS IN  
9    TOPANGA CANYON. AND I'M SURE THAT THE BOARD HAS BECOME AWARE  
10   OF THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
11   R.I.C.S. COMMUNICATIONS CELL TOWER PROGRAM BEING EITHER  
12   PLANNED OR BEING INSTALLED AT VARIOUS FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS  
13   AROUND THE COUNTY. THERE IS A VERY BIG CONCERN THAT HAS ARISEN  
14   OVER THIS, AND I'M SURE YOU KNOW THAT NOW. WE AT TOPANGA HAVE  
15   BEEN TOLD THAT IN ORDER FOR THIS TOWER TO BE PUT AT FIRE  
16   STATION 69, IT WILL HAVE TO GO BEFORE A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE  
17   REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THIS OF COURSE IS DUE TO THE  
18   FACT THAT WE ARE IN THE COASTAL ZONE. AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR  
19   THAT AND WILL BE RESERVING SOME OF OUR COMMENT FOR THAT  
20   MEETING. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO STAND WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES  
21   IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND THE FIREMAN'S UNION IN  
22   REJECTING THIS PROGRAM UNTIL FURTHER STUDY IS DONE AND MORE  
23   THOUGHTFUL APPROACH IS TAKEN.

24

25   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **ROGER PUGLIESE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE. LIFT  
3 THE ROOF. LESLIE HROMAS.

4

5 **JAMES WALD:** JAMES WALD. I LIVE IN ROLLING HILLS, TWO HOUSES  
6 DOWN FROM THE FIRE STATION 56 WHERE THE PROPOSED ANTENNA IS TO  
7 BE LOCATED. I HOPE THAT DON KNABE IS LISTENING OFF IN THE  
8 CORNER.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY CAN HEAR. THERE'S SOUND BACK  
11 THERE, AS WELL.

12

13 **JAMES WALD:** THERE'S A BLUNDER, THIS OVERSIGHT THAT STATION 56  
14 DOESN'T EVEN QUALIFY TO HAVE THE ANTENNA LOCATED THERE. THIS  
15 PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. BUT NOT THE C.C.N.R.S THAT  
16 GOVERN THE LAND, AND I HAVE THE C.C.N.R.S RIGHT HERE. IT SAYS  
17 IT'S EXEMPT FOR ONLY NECESSARY APPURTENANCES. THIS IS NOT  
18 NECESSARY BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE A PORTABLE ANTENNA, AS OTHER  
19 CITIES HAVE OPTED IN. OR TWO ANTENNA FARMS LOCATED WITHIN A  
20 COUPLE MILES AWAY, ONE MILE AWAY IN EITHER DIRECTION. THE  
21 C.C.N.R.S ALLOW HOMEOWNERS AND THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO GO  
22 IN AND SUE AND ENFORCE THE RIGHTS TO GO AHEAD AND REMOVE THIS  
23 ANTENNA WITHOUT TRESPASS. I AM AN ATTORNEY TRAINED AT SOME OF  
24 THE MOST PREEMINENT LAW FIRMS IN THE WORLD, IF I DON'T SUE,  
25 SOMEBODY WILL. I'M GOING TO PROTECT MY BABIES, THREE BABIES

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1 UNDER THE AGE OF 3 UNDER MY ROOF, THE PEOPLE ON MY STREET WITH  
2 PACEMAKERS, THE HEALTH CONDITIONS ON AND ON. THE DIMINUTION OF  
3 OUR PROPERTY VALUES ET CETERA. SO, PLEASE SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
4 PLEASE HEAR MY CONCERNS. THERE WILL BE A LAWSUIT THAT WILL  
5 PREVENT THIS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE UNDERSTAND. [APPLAUSE.]  
8 AGAIN.

9

10 **JAMES WALD:** -- 56 DOES NOT QUALIFY.

11

12 **CECILIA CORTEZ:** MY NAME IS CECILIA CORTEZ. I WILL GIVE MY  
13 MINUTE TO KEVIN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S FINE. TWO MINUTES FOR KEVIN.  
16 LET ME ALSO CALL UP MILDRED BELLIS WHO IS GOING TO GIVE ONE  
17 MINUTE OF HER TIME, EXCUSE ME, CALL UP COUNCILMEMBER BEA  
18 DIERINGER. MILDRED WILL GIVE HER MINUTE.

19

20 **KEVIN MOTTUS:** MY NAME IS KEVIN MOTTUS. I RAN FOR CONGRESS IN  
21 LOS ANGELES LAST YEAR, AND WE NEED TO STOP THIS PROGRAM. THIS  
22 PROGRAM IS A BIG MISTAKE. A VOTE FOR THIS IS A VOTE TO MAKE  
23 THIS ONE OF THE MOST UNHEALTHY CITIES IN THE WORLD. THESE ARE  
24 MICROWAVES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
25 MICROWAVING OUR ENTIRE POPULATION. THERE WAS THE MISLEADING

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1 INFORMATION THAT'S BEEN STATED, AND YOU SHOULD ASK FOR MORE  
2 INFORMATION FROM ME BECAUSE THEY'RE MISLEADING YOU. THE F.C.C.  
3 F.A.Q. SHEET WAS WRITTEN BY THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY. THE F.D.A.  
4 HAS STATED, THEY DO NOT REVIEW THIS TECHNOLOGY AND DO NOT  
5 SPEAK ON ITS SAFETY. THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HAS NEVER  
6 DONE A STUDY ON THIS AND YET RECEIVES HUGE DONATIONS FROM THE  
7 WIRELESS INDUSTRY. THE MICROWAVE F.C.C. GUIDELINES ARE BASED  
8 ON THERMAL STANDARDS ONLY. THAT MEANS YOU ARE ONLY GUARANTEED  
9 NOT TO BE BURNED BY THIS TECHNOLOGY. TO SAY YOU'RE 1,000 TIMES  
10 LESS THAN THE F.C.C. GUIDELINES LESS MEANS NOTHING. YOU SHOULD  
11 BE 1,000 TIMES LESS, BECAUSE IT PROTECTS YOU FROM ACUTE  
12 BURNING. WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU IS THAT F.C.C. GUIDELINES DO  
13 NOT COVER CHILDREN, THEY DO NOT COVER PREGNANT WOMEN. THEY  
14 WERE MEANT FOR SHORT-TERM EXPOSURES. AND THIS IS INCREDIBLY  
15 IMPORTANT AND THEY'RE LEAVING OUT THIS FACT. THE ORGANIZATIONS  
16 THAT SET THESE STANDARDS, THE I.E.E.E. ARE ALL SCIENTISTS THAT  
17 WERE HIRED AND FROM THE WIRELESS ORGANIZATIONS. THE F.C.C.  
18 CHAIRMAN IS NOW THE FORMER MAIN LOBBYIST AND C.E.O. OF THE  
19 WIRELESS TRADE ORGANIZATION. HE IS PUSHING THIS PROGRAM FOR A  
20 VERY CLEAR REASON. HE WANTS TO PUSH THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE HE  
21 WANTS TO HAVE FREE REIN IN DEPLOYING CELL TOWER TRANSMITTERS  
22 ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND AVOID THE ZONING PROCESS AND PUBLIC  
23 INPUT. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC INPUT BECAUSE THE DESIGN OF THIS  
24 PROGRAM WAS TO PREVENT PUBLIC INPUT. PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK.  
25 I PERSONALLY KNOW 10 ELECTRO SENSITIVE PEOPLE. MANY OF THEM

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1 CAN'T COME IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE YOU HAVE WI-FI. TO COMPARE  
2 THIS TO WIRELESS DEVICES IN TERMS OF ITS SAFETY, YOU NEED TO  
3 UNDERSTAND, THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS RULED THAT THERE  
4 IS A POSITIVE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN CELL PHONES AND BRAIN  
5 TUMORS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAN YOU. YES, SIR. YES, SIR.

8

9 **LESLIE HROMAS:** HELLO. GREETINGS. MY NAME IS DR. LES HROMAS,  
10 AND I AM THE 85 YEAR RESIDENT THAT JUST GOT A PACEMAKER. MY  
11 WIFE, LOVING WIFE FROM KANSAS, LIKES TO CALL IT A PEACE MAKER  
12 REFERRING BACK TO THE COLT .45 IN THE WESTERN DAYS. WHAT MY--  
13 WHAT I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT MY GREAT CARDIOLOGIST DECIDED  
14 LATE LAST YEAR THAT I NEEDED A PACEMAKER. AND SO I HAD IT  
15 INSTALLED AT LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY, I'M SORRY, AT TORRANCE  
16 MEMORIAL, HEAVENS FORBID. AND WHEN I CHECKED OUT FROM THE  
17 HOSPITAL, THE NURSE SAID "OH, WE SHOULD TELL YOU THAT SINCE  
18 YOU HAVE A PACEMAKER, THAT YOU SHOULD AVOID ANY NEAR CONTACT  
19 TO HIGH POWER OR MICROWAVE RADIATION. AND SO THAT INFORMATION  
20 AND THOSE DIRECTIONS ARE BEING GIVEN BY YOUR COUNTY HEALTH  
21 STAFF.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
24 DOUGLAS CRAGOE, LEWIS CURRIER. AND GILBERT CURTIS.  
25 COUNCILWOMAN?



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1

2 **BEA DIERINGER:** YES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S MR. HROMAS  
3 ABOUT WHOM I WAS SPEAKING WHEN I WAS LAST TALKING. THAT WAS  
4 THE ONE WHEN IN RESPONSE TO HIS CONCERN, MR. MALLON SAID,  
5 "WELL MAYBE WE CAN POINT THE ANTENNA AWAY FROM YOU." THIS WAS  
6 AN ANTENNA THAT IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THIS MAN'S HOUSE.  
7 NEXT DOOR IS A WOMAN IN HER 90S WHO'S BEEN CRYING BECAUSE  
8 SHE'S SO-- THEY'VE ALL BEEN THERE OVER 50 YEARS. AND THERE ARE  
9 SEVERAL OTHER ELDERLY PEOPLE, INCLUDING MRS. BELLIS FOR WHOM  
10 I'M SPEAKING, THEIR PROPERTY IS 40 FEET LOWER IN ELEVATION AND  
11 SOMETHING THAT HAS NOT BEEN VETTED IS THE FACT THAT THIS  
12 PROPERTY, THE FIRE STATION, EVEN BY THEIR OWN REPORTS, THE  
13 TOWER SITE IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 370 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE  
14 EDGE OF A POTENTIAL LANDSLIDE ZONE AND SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED  
15 BY IT. THAT WAS THEIR REPORT THAT THEY GAVE REGARDING THE  
16 LANDSLIDE. THIS IS THE PORTUGUESE BEND LANDSLIDE WHERE  
17 NUMEROUS HOUSES SLIPPED DOWN. SO WE NEED TO BE HAVING MORE  
18 REPORTS AND THIS NEEDS TO BE BANNED IN OUR CITY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. ALSO TERESA  
21 CURTIS AND TARYN BRABAND. YES, SIR.

22

23 **DOUGLAS CRAGOE:** MY NAME'S DOUG CRAGOE. THE R.I.C.S. PROGRAM  
24 ITSELF HIRED A CONSULTANT WHO JUST TOLD US TODAY THAT LOW  
25 LEVELS OF THIS TYPE OF RADIATION APPEARS TO BE HARMLESS.

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1    THERE'S A THRESHOLD LEVEL. BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE'RE SEEING  
2    PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SMART METERS AND ALL KINDS OF  
3    ELECTRONIC ISSUES. PEOPLE ARE BECOMING ELECTRO SENSITIVE.  
4    WHETHER THESE PEOPLE ARE ACKNOWLEDGED TO EXIST OR THESE PEOPLE  
5    ACTUALLY EXIST, CAN YOU ELECTRO SENSITIVE? CAN YOU BE  
6    SENSITIVE TO THAT STUFF? I'M NOT SURE THE SCIENTISTS WHO ARE  
7    SUPPORT THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS ARE WILLING TO ADMIT THAT OR  
8    WILLING TO INVESTIGATE THAT. THE CITY ITSELF, THE CITY OF LOS  
9    ANGELES HAS ALLOWED PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SMART METERS REMOVED,  
10    WHICH CAUSE RADIATION, AND PUT AN ANALOG METER IN FOR NO COST  
11    AT ALL IN THE TEST AREAS. THAT EXISTS ONLY FOR A CERTAIN  
12    AMOUNT OF TIME UNTIL THE TESTS ARE DONE. ONCE THE SMART METERS  
13    GET ROLLED OUT, THE ENTIRE CITY, YOU WON'T HAVE THAT OPTION  
14    ANYMORE. YOU WILL PAY A LOT OF MONEY TO AVOID THE RADIATION OF  
15    A SMART METER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

18

19    **LEWIS CURRIER:** LEWIS CURRIER, L.A. COUNTY FIRE CAPTAIN, 29  
20    YEARS. I'M SPEAKING TODAY AGAINST THESE CELL TOWERS THAT ARE  
21    BEING INSTALLED AT OUR FIRE STATIONS, FOR THE HEALTH AND  
22    SAFETY OF THE RESIDENTS AND FIREFIGHTERS WHO LIVE THERE. THE  
23    PROBLEM WE HAVE IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY IS ABSENCE OF ADEQUATE  
24    RECOMMENDATION STANDARDS AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THE  
25    CORRESPONDING STANDARDS THAT ARE BEING USED ARE NOT APPLICABLE

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1 TO THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY. THE F.C.C. SAFETY BENCHMARKS  
2 THAT L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS USING ARE INDUSTRY CONTROLLED. WE'VE ALL  
3 SEEN IN THE PAST HOW WELL INDUSTRY CONTROLLED STANDARDS HAVE  
4 WORKED IN OTHER INDUSTRIES IN THE EXAMPLES GIVEN TODAY SUCH AS  
5 TOBACCO, CHEMICAL, FIRE RETURNS ET CETERA. THIS IS A CLASSIC  
6 OF THE FOX WATCHING THE HEN HOUSE. WE HAVE OVER REVIEWED OVER  
7 4,000 STUDIES DONE BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE PEER  
8 REVIEWED THAT SHOWED THAT THERE ARE ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS AT  
9 LEVELS MUCH LESS THAN WHAT THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. PEOPLE ARE  
10 SAYING. FIREFIGHTERS ALREADY EXPOSED TO A LOT OF OUR R.F.  
11 RADIATION, E.M.F.S AND CHEMICAL EXPOSURE SO MUCH SO THAT  
12 CANCER IS PRESUMPTIVE FOR US. WHEN WILL ENOUGH BE ENOUGH? WHEN  
13 WILL WE HIT OUR HYPERSENSITIVITY LEVEL? I'M HOPING WE DON'T  
14 FIND OUT. PLEASE STOP THESE CELL TOWERS AT OUR FIRE STATIONS.  
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, CAPTAIN. LET ME ALSO CALL  
18 UP MOLLY HELFAND. YES, SIR.

19

20 **GILBERT CURTIS:** MY NAME IS GIL CURTIS. I HAVE OVER 30 YEARS AS  
21 A FIRST RESPONDER. I DON'T WANT TO GO OVER ALL THE STUFF  
22 THAT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT, BUT AS SHERIFF MCDONNELL SAID, FIRST  
23 AND FOREMOST THE FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO THIS  
24 WHATSOEVER, HAVING TO LIVE THERE. WHEN SHERIFF MCDONNELL  
25 TALKED ABOUT AT GROUND LEVEL THAT CAUSES THIS AND THAT, OUR

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1 RESIDENTS IN SANTA CLARITA AT 108, WE'RE 40 FEET ABOVE THE  
2 FIRE STATION, 70 FEET AWAY. WE WALK OUT OUR BACKYARD AND THE  
3 FIREFIGHTERS ARE GREAT NEIGHBORS BUT THE CELL TOWER IS 70 FEET  
4 UP. WE'RE ALREADY 40 FEET PLUS. 70 FEET AWAY. TWO WEEKS AGO  
5 WHEN THEY STARTED SHOWING UP TO DIG THE HOLE, I CONFRONTED THE  
6 LADY. I SAID, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU DIDN'T LET ANYBODY  
7 KNOW." HER WORDS TO ME WERE: "OH WELL." BUT I WOULD SAY LOOK  
8 AT THE TWO SENTENCES THAT ARE INSCRIBED ON THIS GREAT HALL.  
9 "THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE  
10 PEOPLE." THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
13 JERRY BERKLEY. YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **TARYN BRABAND:** MY NAME IS TARYN BRABAND. FIRST OF ALL I WANT  
16 TO SAY THAT THE ROAD TO HELL IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS.  
17 AND THAT THIS IS SUCH A MISGUIDED PROJECT. I LIVE IN THE  
18 UNINCORPORATED TOWNSHIP OF AGOURA. SO WE ARE NOT UNDER THE  
19 AUSPICES OF A CITY. WE ARE UNDER THE COUNTY AUSPICES. WE DON'T  
20 EVEN GET A VOICE. WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A CHOICE. AND THIS IS  
21 BEING FOSTERED UPON US. THE WHOLE ISSUE OF ALL OF THESE LIES  
22 ARE ABOUT ELECTROMAGNETIC FREQUENCIES, LOOK AT EMF.COM. THERE  
23 ARE OVER 6,000 SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THAT SHOW THAT THESE  
24 RADIATION, THAT THESE FREQUENCIES ARE VERY HARMFUL AND ARE  
25 VERY DANGEROUS. OVER 6,000. AND THAT'S ONLY ONE WEBSITE. THERE

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1 ARE MANY, MANY, MANY OTHERS. PLEASE, USE YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT.

2 AND DON'T LET THIS GO FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO, CLARISE COMPTON. YES,  
5 MA'AM.

6

7 **TERESA CURTIS:** MY NAME IS TERESA CURTIS, AND I'M HERE TO  
8 OPPOSE THE COMPLETION OF THE MONOPOLE TOWER AT THE FIRE  
9 STATION 108 LOCATED AT 28799 NORTH CANYON-- ROCK CANYON ROAD.  
10 I'VE SUPPLIED SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FIRE STATION ITSELF.  
11 IT'S A DISTINCT FIRE STATION. AS YOU COULD SEE IN THE SECOND  
12 PAGE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS, IT WAS ERECTED TO LOOK LIKE AND BLEND  
13 IN WITH THE COMMUNITY. MY SPECIFIC RESIDENCE IS APPROXIMATELY  
14 35, 45, 40 FEET FROM THE BASE OF THAT TOWER, WHICH IS VERY  
15 CONCERNING FOR ME. IT'S VERY CONCERNING FOR NEIGHBORS THAT I  
16 HAVE AROUND ME, MY CHILDREN THAT I WALK UP AT NIGHT ON THE  
17 UPPER STORY TO BE EVEN CLOSER TO THAT TOWER, LIGHT MONOPOLE.  
18 IT'S VERY CONCERNING ABOUT THE LACK OF DEMOCRACY THAT WAS  
19 INVOLVED WITH THIS WHOLE PROCESS. WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS  
20 BUILDING UNTIL WE SAW THEM DIGGING THE HOLE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP THELMY  
23 PEREZ. YES, MA'AM.

24

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1 **MOLLY HELFAND:** I'M MOLLY HELFAND. I LIVE ON CORNELL ROAD  
2 ACROSS THE STREET FROM STATION 65. WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE  
3 TOWER AFTER IT WAS ERECTED. THERE WAS NO PRECONSTRUCTION  
4 MEETING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR THE RESIDENTS. WE'RE IN  
5 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN RECREATIONAL AREA AT THE GATEWAY TO  
6 THE NATIONAL PARK BY THE PARAMOUNT RANCH. THERE IS NO-- THERE  
7 IS NO ORDINANCE YET FOR THE-- THERE IS A PRESERVATION  
8 ORDINANCE FOR OPEN SPACE IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WHICH  
9 HAS NOT BEEN HELD, UPHELD WHERE THIS TOWER IS ACTUALLY  
10 BLOCKING THE OPEN SPACE AT THIS 1930S OLD FIRE STATION. AND  
11 THERE IS AN ECONOMIC IMPACT, AS WELL. H.U.D. AND F.H.A. ALSO  
12 TAKE LOCATIONS OF CELL TOWERS INTO CONSIDERATION WHERE THEY'RE  
13 LOCATED. SO NONE OF THIS WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION OF WHERE  
14 THEY'RE PUT IN NEIGHBORHOODS AS WELL AS THE HEALTH ISSUE. ALL  
15 OF THESE POINTS ARE WELL WITHIN N.E.P.A. AND WE AS RESIDENTS  
16 AND HOMEOWNERS HAVE A RIGHT--

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TODD  
19 GOMEZ AND RUSTY HICKS. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **JERE BERKLEY:** YES, MY NAME IS JERE BERKLEY AND I LIVE ACROSS  
22 FROM THE FIRE STATION ON CORNELL ROAD IN AGOURA, NO. 65. I  
23 WANT THE TOWER REMOVED THAT WAS PUT UP ON FEBRUARY 24TH WE ALL  
24 WOKE UP AND THERE IT WAS. MUST HAVE DONE IT IN THE DEAD OF  
25 NIGHT. NEVER BOTHERED SAYING ANYTHING TO ANYONE. I WANT TO

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1 TALK ABOUT HEALTH CONCERNS. AND I WANT TO KIND OF-- L.A.--  
2 R.I.C.S. GAVE SOME OPINIONS WHICH I DON'T AGREE WITH AND  
3 NEITHER DO MANY SCIENTISTS. THE I.A.R.C., IT'S AN AGENCY OF  
4 THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION. THIS DR. JONATHAN SAMIT M.D.  
5 FROM U.S.C., I ACTUALLY SPOKE TO HIM ON THE PHONE. HE CHAIRED  
6 AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF SCIENTISTS WHO DECLARED IN MAY OF  
7 2012 THAT RADIO FREQUENCY RADIATION FROM CELL TOWERS IS A  
8 POSSIBLE CAUSE OF CANCER. THIS IS THE WORLD HEALTH  
9 ORGANIZATION. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHERE L.A.-R.I.C.S. IS  
10 GETTING THEIR INFORMATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **JERE BERKLEY:** WE WANTED OUR DUE PROCESS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JAMES  
17 WALD? JAMES AICHELE? CATHY NICHOLS? YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **CLARISE COMPTON:** OKAY. HI.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HI.

22

23 **CLARISE COMPTON:** MY NAME IS CLARISE COMPTON. I LIVE ACROSS THE  
24 STREET FROM THE FIRE STATION 65 ON CORNELL ROAD. I'M JUST HERE  
25 TO EXPRESS, SORRY, THE CONSTANT ANXIETY. YOU KNOW, SEEING THIS



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1 INDUSTRIAL BEAST POP UP ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY HOUSE. I  
2 KNOW IN HEARING EVERYONE AND HEARING ALL THE EFFECTS, WE'RE  
3 NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. IS THERE CANCER  
4 EFFECTS? THERE'S OBVIOUSLY HEALTH EFFECTS. JUST EVEN SENATOR  
5 SHELIA KUEHL WHO WAS RELIEVED THAT IT WAS REMOVED FROM HER  
6 DISTRICT. THAT'S HOW I WANT TO FEEL. I WANT TO FEEL RELIEVED  
7 IN KNOWING THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ANYWHERE, HOPEFULLY. WE  
8 CAN GET THOSE OUT. I MEAN I KNOW I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY. BUT  
9 IT'S JUST A REALLY AWFUL PROJECT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
12 ELIZABETH BARRIS AND GORDON FIREMARK. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **CATHY NICHOLS:** MY NAME IS CATHY NICHOLS. JAMES WALD HAS  
15 ALREADY SPOKEN. AND MY PROPERTY ADJOINS FIRE STATION 56 IN  
16 ROLLING HILLS. AND I SUFFER FROM ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY.  
17 SO I KNOW IT'S REAL. I KNOW THAT AS OTHERS HAVE SPOKEN, AND I  
18 WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE TO YOU, THE WORLD HEALTH  
19 ORGANISATION HAS RECOGNIZED IT AS A GROWING PROBLEM. THERE'S  
20 ESTIMATES THAT AT LEAST 5 PERCENT, AND IT'S NOT EVEN REPORTED.  
21 NOBODY EVER ASKED ME-- OF CALIFORNIA POPULATION HAS THIS. IT  
22 IS A RECOGNIZED FUNCTIONAL DISABILITY IN SWEDEN. PEOPLE HAVE  
23 TO QUIT THEIR JOBS OFTEN IN THESE INDUSTRIES. AND THEY ARE  
24 SUPPORTED BY THE STATE BECAUSE IT IS A RECOGNIZED DISABILITY.  
25 IT IS THE IRISH DOCTOR'S ASSOCIATION, I FORGET THE NAME. I CAN

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1 GIVE YOU ON AND ON, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY, IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE  
2 HEAVILY BUILT OUT IN CELLULAR, NOW THERE IS NO--

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:**

5

6 **CATHY NICHOLS:** THERE IS NO CURE. AND YOU MUST AVOID  
7 ELECTROMAGNETIC THINGS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU PROVIDE US YOUR INFORMATION?  
10 WE'LL SHARE IT WITH THE MEMBERS?

11

12 **CATHY NICHOLS:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'LL TAKE IT FROM YOU. LET ME ALSO  
15 CALL UP RANI NARULA WOODS. YES, MA'AM. BEAUTY BEFORE AGE,  
16 OKAY? YES, MA'AM. I'LL TAKE AGE FIRST. OKAY, YES, SIR.

17

18 **JAMES AICHELE:** WHO'S GOING?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE UP.

21

22 **JAMES AICHELE:** I'M JAMES AICHELE. I LIVE IN ROLLING HILLS.  
23 NEXT TO FIRE STATION 56. THE THING WE NEED TO POINT OUT ABOUT  
24 THIS IS THEY WRAPPED THIS THING WHEN THEY CAME TO OUR CITY,  
25 THEY ONLY CAME AS A COURTESY. THEY ONLY CAME BECAUSE THEY WERE

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1 CAUGHT, L.A.-R.I.C.S. SO I DON'T HAVE MUCH FAITH IN THEIR  
2 ABILITY TO HAVE ANY KIND OF OPINION ON ANYTHING. I'D LIKE TO  
3 POINT OUT THEY WERE CHASING MONEY. THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE  
4 HEALTH, SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS, WHICH IS WHY THE STATE GAVE  
5 THEM EXEMPTION, L.A.-R.I.C.S., EXEMPTION TO DO THIS TO US. OUR  
6 CITY HAS OPTED OUT; HOWEVER, WE'RE GOING TO GET ONE ANYWAY  
7 BECAUSE WE HAVE A COUNTY FIRE STATION. THE BIGGEST MISTAKE WE  
8 EVER DID WAS GIVE ANY LAND TO THE COUNTY. YOU IT'S GOING TO  
9 COST EACH HOMEOWNER IN OUR CITY, NEXT TO THIS THING OR WITHIN  
10 A THIRD OF A MILE OF IT, APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 TO A MILLION  
11 DOLLARS OFF THEIR PROPERTY VALUES. SO YOU'RE CHASING 154  
12 MILLION AND YOU'RE COSTING US PROBABLY THE SAME AMOUNT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR, RAISE THE ROOF, NOT  
15 APPLAUSE. ALSO FLORA PIERCE. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HI, THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT REALLY, I WAS ACTUALLY  
18 ALMOST CRYING WHEN I HEARD YOU WITH YOUR RESOLUTION THAT YOU  
19 PUT FORTH. AND I WANTED TO THANK SHEILA KUEHL AND MR.  
20 ANTONOVICH AND THIS LADY HERE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I'M GOING TO BE SUPER QUICK. I AM ELECTRO SENSITIVE.  
25 I HAD TO SLEEP IN MY CAR DUE TO A CELL TOWER IN SANTA MONICA

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1 ABOUT A BLOCK FROM WHERE I LIVED. I FOUND A STREET THAT WAS  
2 RADIATION-FREE, SO I SLEPT IN MY CAR UNTIL THEY ROLLED OUT THE  
3 WHOLE AREA AND NOW SANTA MONICA IS VERY SATURATED. AND I  
4 ACTUALLY HAD TO MOVE OUT OF SANTA MONICA. I WENT TO MY CITY  
5 COUNCIL AND THEY TOLD ME THE TELECOM ACT PREVENTED THEM FROM  
6 DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THE CELL TOWER EVEN THOUGH I SHOWED THEM  
7 CANCER EVIDENCE AND THEY SAID, "WE KNOW, WE KNOW, BUT THE  
8 F.C.C." SO, ANYWAY, I MOVED. AND I ENDED UP IN THIS SMART  
9 METER THING WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT. I MOVE INTO A HOUSE IN  
10 TOPANGA WITH A SMART METER. I AGAIN HAD TO SLEEP IN MY CAR FOR  
11 EIGHT MONTHS. THIS IS A TRUE STORY. I HAVE MONEY TO PAY RENT.  
12 \$1600 A MONTH IS WHAT I WAS PAYING THERE. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 THE INTERIOR SAYS IT KILLS BIRDS, WILDLIFE AND FOLIAGE. THAT  
14 WASN'T MENTIONED. JUST LAST THING, MISS KUEHL, I'VE BEEN  
15 ASKING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION HERE BECAUSE I HAVE A LIST OF A  
16 COUPLE THOUSAND PEOPLE. WE HAVE ELECTROSENTIVES. AND WE NEED A  
17 PLACE TO STAY IN L.A. COUNTY THAT IS NOT RADIATED. IS IT  
18 POSSIBLE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO YOU? WOULD YOU GIVE SOME  
19 PERMISSION HERE?

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** ANYBODY CAN TESTIFY IN THE PUBLIC STATEMENT PART  
22 OF OUR MEETING EVERY TUESDAY. BELIEVE ME, LOTS OF PEOPLE DO. I  
23 REALLY RECOMMEND IT.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY, BUT THE L.A.- R.I.C.S WAS GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY  
2 TO PRESENT THEIR INDUSTRY SIDE. I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE, NO.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND 100 PEOPLE ARE NOW TELLING US THEY'RE FULL OF  
5 IT. SO I THINK WE'RE GETTING EQUAL TIME HERE. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO HEALTH,  
8 SAFETY AND PROPERTY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROBERT LUCAS.

11

12 **GORDON FIREMARK:** MY NAME IS GORDON FIREMARK AND I LIVE IN  
13 SANTA CLARITA JUST ABOVE AND ABOUT 100 YARDS LINE OF SIGHT AT  
14 THE LEVEL OF WHERE THIS TOWER AT STATION 108 IS GOING TO BE  
15 LOCATED. I THINK THIS IS A COLOSSAL MISTAKE, THIS PARTICULAR  
16 TOWER. AND THE PLAN, THE PROGRAM AS A WHOLE HAS BEEN PLANNED  
17 IN RELATIVE SECRECY. I ASKED WHERE HAS THE DUE PROCESS BEEN?  
18 WAS THERE COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT? HAS THIS BEEN-- WHEN  
19 THE RESIDENTS OF A COMMUNITY LEARN AT THE LAST MOMENT WHEN THE  
20 DIGGING STARTS THAT THERE IS SOMETHING GOING IN, IT SEEMS THAT  
21 THERE'S BEEN A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. SO I ASK YOU TO  
22 INVESTIGATE THAT. THIS IS AN EYESORE. IT'S BADLY LOCATED. IT'S  
23 ON A HILLSIDE. SO HALF OF THE TOWER'S EFFECTIVENESS IS GOING  
24 TO BE GOING RIGHT INTO THE HILLSIDE AND THE HOMES AND NOT

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1 DELIVERING THE ANTICIPATED BENEFIT. OF COURSE, THE PUBLIC  
2 HEALTH HAZARD IS ANOTHER MAJOR CONCERN. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
5 JOHN NUN. JOHN NUNN. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **RANI NARULA-WOODS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RANI NARULA-  
8 WOODS AND I'M THE DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR AT THE LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR. IT IS MY HONOR TO SPEAK TODAY ON  
10 BEHALF OF MORE THAN 700,000 WORKERS LIVING HERE IN THE COUNTY  
11 OF LOS ANGELES, FROM TEACHERS TO HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS TO  
12 PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS. WE ARE THE SECOND LARGEST FEDERATION  
13 OF WORKERS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS AFTERNOON, THE MESSAGE  
14 I'M HERE TO SHARE IS SIMPLE. CELL TOWERS DON'T PROTECT OUR  
15 RESIDENTS; PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS DO. CELL TOWERS WITH R.F.  
16 EMISSIONS THAT HARM THE HEALTH OF OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS  
17 ARE SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE. ADDITIONALLY, WE BELIEVE JOBS IN LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD BE BUILT BY RESIDENTS THAT ARE INVESTED  
19 HERE IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY. A MERE 30 PERCENT DOESN'T PUT OUR  
20 COMMUNITY BACK TO WORK. FOR THESE REASONS, WE SHARE THE  
21 CONCERNS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS  
22 ALIKE. L.A. LABOR STANDS WITH FIREFIGHTERS IN OPPOSING CELL  
23 TOWERS COUNTY-WIDE IN ALL FIVE DISTRICTS FROM PALMDALE TO SAN  
24 PEDRO, FROM MALIBU TO EAST LOS ANGELES.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
2    UP LEE ANN BOWMAN AND CAROL WITTE. YES, SIR. YES, MA'AM. YES,  
3    MA'AM.

4

5    **FLORA PIERCE:** HI.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HI.

8

9    **FLORA PIERCE:** MY NAME IS FLORA PIERCE AND I LIVE IN THE  
10    DISTRICT OF MOST OF YOU KNOW WHERE THE JUNIOR BLIND IS ON  
11    ANGELA VISTA. NEXT STREET IS KENISTON. I LIVE ON KENISTON,  
12    DOWN AT THE END OF KENISTON JUST BEFORE YOU GET TO 54TH. MY  
13    BACKYARD ABUTS THE FIRE STATION 38 THAT SITS ON 54TH. MOST  
14    PEOPLE HAVE SAID EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO ME HAPPENED TO THEM,  
15    IS THAT WE HEARD DIGGING AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, THIS  
16    WHOLE THING IS TAKING PLACE. THE PROBLEM IS WITH ME IS THAT  
17    THE TOWER SITS, I CAN TAKE MY HAND AND REACH OVER FROM MY  
18    BACKYARD AND TOUCH THAT TOWER. I HAVE BEDROOMS THAT ARE MAYBE  
19    20, 30 FEET AWAY FROM THAT TOWER. I HAVE TENANTS IN MY  
20    BUILDING RIGHT THERE ON 54TH WHO ALSO HAVE BEDROOMS THAT'S  
21    ABOUT 20 OR 30 FEET FROM THAT TOWER. AND I'LL MAKE THIS BRIEF  
22    AND I CAN SHOW YOU THAT A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS  
23    AND THIS IS PICTURES OF WHAT'S GOING ON. WE WERE NOT NOTIFIED  
24    AS EVERYONE ELSE HAS SAID. BUT I DO HAVE PICTURES OF WHERE  
25    THIS TOWER IS SITTING.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT TO THE SERGEANT.  
3 HE'LL GIVE IT RIGHT BACK TO YOU AND BRING IT AROUND AND SHOW  
4 EACH OF US. WE CAN'T SEE IT FROM HERE.

5

6 **FLORA PIERCE:** I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD. NO, I'M KIDDING.

7

8 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YOU REMINDED ME THAT IT'S  
9 EASTER, MR. ANTONOVICH. THE THING ABOUT IT IS THAT I'VE BEEN  
10 LISTENING SITTING ABOUT THIS AN HOUR AND A HALF. I KNEW  
11 NOTHING ABOUT THIS. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT CAME TO MY MIND.  
12 A LOT OF FOG. A LOT OF CONFUSION. THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF THAT  
13 REALLY THE COMMON PERSON COULDN'T UNDERSTAND. HOWEVER, I DO  
14 KNOW THIS: THE SYLMAR EARTHQUAKE, THE NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE,  
15 9/11, A LOT OF THE TRAGIC EVENTS, I KNOW HOW I FELT WHEN I  
16 COULDN'T DO A THING. THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO HAVE COMMITTED TO  
17 MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO HELP SOMEBODY, TO NOT HAVE THE TOOLS  
18 THAT THEY NEED BECAUSE OF FEAR, BECAUSE OF SOMETHING THAT  
19 ISN'T FOUNDED, HOW WOULD THEY FEEL IN NOT BEING ABLE TO DO THE  
20 JOB THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN AN OATH TO FULFILL? I KNOW HOW LESS  
21 THAN I FELT NOT BEING ABLE TO HELP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.  
22 EVERYBODY FEARED THE SUN IN THE BEGINNING. AND NOW WE PULL  
23 ENERGY FROM IT. JUST AS L.A. SOURCE DOWNTOWN.

24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL  
2    UP LEE ANN BOWMAN. LEE ANN BOWMAN? YES, SIR.

3

4    **JOHN NUNN:** MY NAME IS JOHN NUNN. I LIVE ACROSS THE STREET, IN  
5    ROLLING HILLS, ACROSS THE STREET FROM FIRE STATION 56. AND  
6    ACTUALLY THAT IS A GOOD, THE ITEM THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA 18  
7    ABOUT GIVING L.A.-R.I.C.S. UNCHALLENGED AUTHORITY TO PUT  
8    TOWERS AT ANY FIRE STATION THEY WANT. STATION 56 IS A GOOD  
9    EXAMPLE OF WHY THAT'S A BAD IDEA BECAUSE WE ARE ON PALOS  
10   VERDES, WE HAVE THE SAN PETER HILL WHICH IS WHERE THE AIR  
11   FORCE HAD THE RADAR ANTENNAS BUILT BACK IN THE '50S BECAUSE  
12   WITHIN 100 MILES, THAT'S THE HIGHEST ELEVATION AROUND. THEY  
13   CHOSE NOT TO USE THAT, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING USED AS AN  
14   EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SITE BECAUSE THEY HAD TO GET SOME  
15   KIND OF APPROVAL. THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO GET APPROVAL TO PUT IT  
16   AT 56. 56 IS 200 FEET LOWER. AND IT'S NOT AS EFFECTIVE. IT'S  
17   BLOCKED THE HILL BLOCKS IT. AND THE OTHER HAS A 360-DEGREE  
18   ACCESS. SO, ANYWAY, SO I'VE GOT SOME DATA I CAN LEAVE HERE FOR  
19   YOU.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THE OTHER FEDERAL PROPERTY?

22

23   **JOHN NUNN:** IT'S CONTROLLED BY THE F.A.A. RIGHT NOW. BUT  
24   THERE'S 100 ANTENNAS ON IT ALREADY.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS?

2

3    **JOHN NUNN:** YES. INCLUDING L.A. COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY HAS-- THEY  
4    HAVE THE EMERGENCY--

5

6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WE HAVE A TOWER THERE, AS WELL. SO  
7    IT'S A JOINT USE.

8

9    **JOHN NUNN:** IT'S PART OF OUR TOWER RIGHT NOW.

10

11    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM, LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
12    STEVE MESSIK. AND BOBB ENGEL. YES, MA'AM.

13

14    **CAROL WITTE:** I'M CAROL WITTE AND I LIVE JUST ACROSS, TWO DOORS  
15    AWAY FROM THE FIRE STATION IN ROLLING HILLS, 56. AND WE DO NOT  
16    WANT A R.I.C.S. TOWER IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE ANSWER OUR  
17    PRAYERS AND STOP THIS UNNECESSARY TOWER. DON'T FORCE L.A.-  
18    R.I.C.S. ON US BECAUSE IT'S IN A LANDSLIDE AREA. DON'T YOU  
19    REALIZE THAT IT'S RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF THIS HUGE LANDSLIDE?  
20    AND WHEN THEY DIG THIS BIG HOLE, IT WILL PROBABLY GENERATE A  
21    COMPLETE LANDSLIDE. AND WE HAVE ALREADY HAD PEOPLE ON OUR  
22    BLOCK WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BUILD A CABANA BECAUSE OF THE  
23    LAND CONDITION. HAS ANYONE REALLY CHECKED INTO THE GEOLOGY OF  
24    THIS AREA? THEY ARE RIGHT AT THE TIP OF THE LANDSLIDE, THE  
25    FIRE DEPARTMENT IS. SO THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BUILD

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1 ANYTHING THERE BECAUSE THAT LANDSLIDE AREA DOESN'T ALLOW ANY  
2 BUILDING IN 600 ACRES RIGHT NEXT TO THAT FIRE STATION. SO WE  
3 NEED TO HAVE L.A.-R.I.C.S. OUT OF THERE. AND THEY SHOULDN'T BE  
4 ALLOWED TO BUILD ANYTHING NEAR THERE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **CAROL WITTE:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP FRANK LIMA. YES,  
11 SIR. OR YES, MA'AM. OKAY.

12

13 **LEE ANN BOWMAN:** I'M LEE ANN BOWMAN. IT WAS INTERESTING. YOU  
14 HAD ALL THREE OF US FROM WE'RE BY STATION 56.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID YOU CAR POOL?

17

18 **LEE ANN BOWMAN:** ACTUALLY TWO OF US DID, YES. I DON'T KNOW IF  
19 YOU SAW ME, I BROUGHT MY DAD UP HERE. AND SO THERE WAS QUITE A  
20 FEW OF US ON THAT STREET THAT HAVE LIVED THERE FOR OVER 50  
21 YEARS. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE IT LAST FOR A WHILE, NEEDLESS TO  
22 SAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO BE SURE THAT A COUPLE MORE THINGS REAL  
23 QUICK. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO IT. IT'S  
24 INTERESTING TO NOTE AS I'M LISTENING TO THE OTHER CITIES HOW  
25 THIS HAS HAPPENED NOT ONLY WITH OUR STATION BUT ACROSS L.A.

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1 COUNTY. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT HOUSE, THEY SNUCK INTO IT. I  
2 WANT TO THANK THE FIREMEN FOR COMING AND TAKING ALL OF US  
3 TAKING TIME OFF WORK TO COME AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT AGAINST IT.  
4 AND I WANT TO APPRECIATE THAT. ALSO, REAL QUICK, THIS IS KIND  
5 OF DIFFERENT BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR STARTING IT OFF WITH  
6 PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE. THAT'S IT. BUT DEFINITELY, DEFINITELY  
7 OPPOSED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ALSO, JAMES GRASSO. YES,  
10 SIR.

11

12 **STEVE MESSICK:** MY NAME IS STEVE MESSICK. I LIVE TWO BLOCKS  
13 FROM FIRE STATION 108. I AM A 48-YEAR RESIDENT OF SANTA  
14 CLARITA. I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE TODAY THAT EVERYBODY ARGUING  
15 IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT STANDS TO PROFIT A GREAT DEAL OR IS  
16 IN A VERY HIGH PAYING PAYROLL POSITION. SO, IN OTHER WORDS,  
17 EVERYBODY ARGUING IN FAVOR OF THIS IS BEING PAID VERY WELL TO  
18 DO SO. [APPLAUSE.] YES, APPLAUD. SO IT LEADS ME TO QUESTION  
19 THE SINCERITY OF THE STATS THAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN, THE  
20 SCIENTIFIC DATA. I CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT MY THREE LITTLE BOYS  
21 WHO LIVE TWO BLOCKS FROM FIRE STATION 108. AND I'M JUST NOT  
22 SEEING THE SINCERITY COMING FROM THOSE ARGUING IN FAVOR OF  
23 THIS PROJECT. IN FACT, I DID NOTICE THAT THE LEADERS OF OUR  
24 PUBLIC AGENCIES HERE, OUR FIRE CHIEF AND THE SHERIFF, GOT UP  
25 AND LEFT THE ROOM AND INTERMITTENTLY BEGAN TALKING TO

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1 DIFFERENT PEOPLE. I THINK THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT THEIR  
2 SINCERITY AS FAR AS SAYING THAT THEY CARE ABOUT MY CHILDREN.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE YOU RELATED TO CARL?

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6 **STEVE MESSICK:** NO, I'M NOT. BUT MY MOM WORKED WITH YOU AND SHE  
7 WAS ON A CIVILIAN BOARD. BECAUSE CARL WAS THE COUNCILMAN,  
8 MAYOR OF GLENDALE A NUMBER OF YEARS HEAD OF THE Y.M.C.A.

9

10 **STEVE MESSICK:** YEAH, NO RELATION.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LONG LOST COUSINS. THANK YOU.  
13 LET ME ALSO CALL UP TIM BRUN. YES, SIR. DO YOU WANT TO GO.

14

15 **BOB ENGEL:** I'M BOB ENGEL. I WANT TO GIVE MY TIME TO KEVIN  
16 MOTTUS PLEASE.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TWO MINUTES FOR KEVIN MOTTUS. YOU  
19 ALREADY SPOKE, THOUGH, RIGHT? HE GETS ONE MORE MINUTE. OKAY,  
20 GO.

21

22 **KEVIN MOTTUS:** YOU KNOW WE TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR PUBLIC INPUT  
23 BUT GIVING US ONLY A MINUTE TO TALK, WHEN WE'RE PROMISED TWO  
24 TO THREE MINUTES PER ITEM AND THERE'S TWO ITEMS HERE SEEMS A  
25 LITTLE INGENUOUS. SOME POINTS TO MAKE THAT WERE ONCE AGAIN

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1 MISLEADING. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, WHEN THEY  
2 CLASSIFIED WIRELESS AS A CLASS II B CARCINOGEN. IN THAT IS  
3 ALSO LEAD, D.D.T. AND CAR EXHAUST. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'D WANT  
4 TO BE EXPOSED TO THOSE ITEMS ALL DAY LONG NOT JUST THE ITEMS  
5 THAT THEY BROUGHT UP. BELGIUM HAS BANNED CELL PHONES FROM  
6 CHILDREN BASED ON THE RESEARCH OUT OF EUROPE. SO WE'RE  
7 IGNORING A LOT OF RESEARCH THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE TAKING  
8 VERY SERIOUSLY. FRANCE HAS BANNED WI-FI FROM NURSERY SCHOOLS  
9 BASED ON THE LATEST RESEARCH. AND THIS BOARD NEED TO TAKE INTO  
10 ACCOUNT THAT THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY LOVES SPREADING LIABILITY  
11 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND THAT THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY IS NOT  
12 INSURED FOR HEALTH EFFECTS. THERE IS TOO MUCH RESEARCH SHOWING  
13 HEALTH EFFECTS FROM WIRELESS. THEY ARE SELF-INSURED. WHAT ARE  
14 YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GET LAWSUITS FROM THESE FIREMEN? I  
15 RECOMMEND THE FIREMEN SUE WHEN THEY GET NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS  
16 WHICH SOME OF THEM WILL GET AND WHEN THEY GET CANCER, DEVELOP  
17 CANCER OVER TIME AND THE RESIDENTS THAT LIVE NEARBY. I  
18 ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUE BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY WE'LL GET  
19 LOCALITES TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP BRIAN  
22 NIELSEN. BRIAN NIELSEN? YES, SIR.

23

24 **JAMES GRASSO:** MY NAME IS JAMES GRASSO. I ALSO FIND IT  
25 UNFORTUNATE THAT I HAD A THREE MINUTE COMMENT AND I WILL HAVE



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1 TO CONDENSE IT QUICKLY TO ONE MINUTE. BUT I AM IN SUPPORT OF  
2 L.A.- R.I.C.S. I AM A 20 YEAR RESIDENT. I AM THE CO-PRESIDENT  
3 OF THE TOPANGA COALITION OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, TOPANGA  
4 SURF. I VOLUNTEER FOR THE MOUNTAIN BIKE UNIT. I'VE CARRIED A  
5 RADIO FOR 30 YEARS IN THE FILM INDUSTRY. I UNDERSTAND THE  
6 CONCERNS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY. I COCHAIR THE COUNTY MEETING  
7 AT OUR SUPERVISOR THIRD DISTRICT'S OFFICE WHERE L.A.-R.I.C.S.  
8 PRESENTED. ALSO ATTENDED THE LIBRARY MEETING IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
9 AND TOPANGA IS A PRETTY ISOLATED AREA. WE'VE BEEN CHOSEN FOR  
10 COUNTY DRILLS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. I FIRSTHAND WITNESSED THE  
11 LACK OF COMMUNICATION THERE. WE HAVE OUR OWN SYSTEM THAT THE  
12 COUNTY'S HAD TO RELY ON DURING THOSE DRILLS FOR INFORMATION  
13 AND I FIND IT IRONIC THAT WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT'S EQUAL TO OR  
14 BETTER THAN THE COUNTY'S. I'D LOVE TO SEE THE L.M.R. AND  
15 L.T.E. BUILD OUT TAKE PLACE AT STATION 69. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
18 ROXANA TOLEDO. AND WE'LL NEED AN INTERPRETER FOR THAT. YES,  
19 SIR.

20

21 **FRANK LIMA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS FRANK LIMA AND I'M THE  
22 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED FIREFIGHTERS OF LOS ANGELES CITY, ALSO  
23 A 24-YEAR VETERAN AND CAPTAIN WITH THE L.A. CITY FIRE  
24 DEPARTMENT. AND I'M HERE TO CLARIFY MR. MALLON FROM L.A.-  
25 R.I.C.S.' COMMENTS IN THAT U.F.L.A.C. HAS WRITTEN MULTIPLE

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1 LETTERS IN OPPOSITION TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY CHAIRMAN, MITCHELL  
2 ENGLANDER, MAYOR GARCETTI AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERB WESSON,  
3 AND WE CONTINUE TO BE OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT. AND THAT'S WHY  
4 WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM  
5 LOCAL 1014. WE ARE NOT COMFORTABLE THAT THE PROJECT INCLUDED A  
6 C.E.Q.A. WAIVER. C.E.Q.A. EXISTS FOR A REASON. AND THIS  
7 PROJECT SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO OUR STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL  
8 REGULATIONS. I WANT TO BE CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT U.F.L.A.C.  
9 SUPPORTS LOCAL 1014, OPPOSES THE L.A.-R.I.C.S. PUTTING POLES  
10 UP WHERE WE LIVE AND SPEND 1/3 OF OUR LIVES AT THE FIRE  
11 HOUSES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, SIR.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'D LIKE, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO GIVE  
16 MY TIME TO KEVIN.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL RIGHT. ONE MINUTE FOR KEVIN.

19

20 **KEVIN MOTTUS:** SOME POINTS TO MAKE. WE CAN OPT OUT AND WE CAN  
21 GO TO A WIRED PROGRAM THAT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY SAFE, ONE USING  
22 PHONE LINES RATHER THAN THIS WIRELESS PROGRAM THAT'S BEING  
23 PUSHED DOWN OUR THROATS BY THE F.C.C. THAT IS LED BY THE  
24 WIRELESS INDUSTRY AND THE REPRESENTATIVES. THIS IS AN  
25 IMPORTANT FACT. THE OTHER THING, COMPARING IT TO SMOKING IS

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1 VERY APPROPRIATE. STUDIES FOR WIRELESS HAVE ACTUALLY SHOWN  
2 TUMOR GROWTHS IN 10 TO 15 YEARS. THE AVERAGE TUMOR GROWTH FOR  
3 A SMOKER IS 30 YEARS. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING TWICE  
4 TO THREE TIMES AS CARCINOGENIC AS CIGARETTE SMOKE AND WE'RE  
5 INVOLUNTARILY EXPOSING OUR POPULATION TO IT 24 HOURS A DAY.  
6 THIS DOESN'T SEEM WISE AT ALL. WE NEED TO STOP IGNORING THE  
7 RESEARCH AND START TAKING CARE OF OUR PEOPLE. WE NEED YOU TO  
8 REPRESENT US. THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY IS WELL REPRESENTED IN  
9 GOVERNMENT AND USES ITS MONEY. WE NEED YOU TO REPRESENT US AND  
10 FIGHT FOR OUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. LET'S BE THE CITY WE ARE  
11 THAT FIGHTS FOR INITIATIVES, THAT TAKES CARE OF THE HEALTH OF  
12 OUR CITIZENS, THAT DOES THE RIGHT THING AND SAYS NO TO THE  
13 MONEY AND SAYS YES TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF OUR  
14 CITIZENS. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO. AND THIS IS ALL I'M  
15 ASKING YOU TO DO.

16  
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ROXANNA? DO YOU NEED  
18 AN INTERPRETER?

19  
20 **ROXANA TOLEDO:** NO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M HERE  
21 REPRESENTING, MY BROTHER'S A FIREFIGHTER AND ALSO I WANT TO  
22 TALK IN BEHALF OF ALL THESE FIREFIGHTERS THAT WERE HERE. IT'S  
23 VERY IRONIC THAT THEY ARE RISKING THEIR LIFE FOR US AND IT'S  
24 NOT FAIR THAT WE'RE GOING TO RISK THEIR LIFE. NOW YOU SPEAK OF  
25 GREED BECAUSE I WILL SAY THIS IS GREED. PEOPLE JUST WANT THE

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1 MONEY AND THEY DON'T THINK ABOUT THESE PEOPLE HAVE PLEASE STOP  
2 THESE TOWERS. THEY ARE RISKING THEIR LIFE FOR US AND IT IS NOT  
3 FAIR THAT WELL GAMBLE WITH THEIR LIVES. PLEASE STOP IT. THANK  
4 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, ROXANA. THANK YOU. ALSO  
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, NICOLE PARSON IN LANCASTER, ARNOLD SACHS.  
8 YES, SIR.

9

10 **BRIAN NIELSON:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS BRIAN  
11 NIELSON. I WORK AT ONE OF THE FIRE STATIONS THAT ONE DAY WE  
12 SHOW UP AND WE SEE A SITE SURVEY REAL QUICK. NEXT DAY WE'RE  
13 SEEING GROUND BROKEN. WE DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT IT PRIOR  
14 TO. SO MY ISSUE IS WITH THE TRANSPARENCY OF THE WHOLE PROJECT.  
15 LIKE I SAID, THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN IN THE WORKS  
16 FOR QUITE A WHILE. OUR STATION WAS OBVIOUSLY STUDIED FOR A  
17 WHILE. AND ONE DAY THERE IT IS. THERE'S NO HEADS UP, THIS THIS  
18 IS WHAT'S HAPPENING, GUYS. IT JUST HAPPENED. AND SO IT IS  
19 CLEAR THERE IS NO TRANSPARENCY WITH THAT. IF YOU ALSO LOOK AT  
20 THE MAP, THE AREAS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THIS. YOU SEE THAT A  
21 LOT OF THE HIGHER END, HIGH INCOME AREAS HAVE PULLED OUT OF  
22 THE PROJECTS BECAUSE THEIR CITIZENS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
23 TO HEAR WHETHER IT'S EDUCATION OR VOICE. BUT A LOT OF THE  
24 AREAS THAT ARE STILL AFFECTED ARE THE AREAS THAT ARE  
25 UNINCORPORATED. L.A. COUNTY LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HOLDING A

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1 MAJORITY OF THE MAP FOR ALL OTHER BRANCHES AND IT'S SOMETHING  
2 THAT ALSO SHOULD BE LOOKED AT, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** IT IS NOT A GOOD AFTERNOON. DR.  
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK IT IS DESPICABLE TO MAKE ME WAIT  
8 ALL THAT TIME WHEN I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO CHECK IN. BUT THAT'S  
9 OKAY. BUT THEN YOU PRESENTED WITH NOT UP-TO-DATE RESEARCH. AND  
10 YOU ARE GOING TO TRY TO MAKE YOUR DECISION AGAIN ON FAULTY  
11 RESEARCH, WHICH IT HAPPENS HERE. BUT I THINK IT WOULD NOT HURT  
12 TO ASK FOR AN EXTENSION BECAUSE YOU CAN SAY YES AND MAYBE YOU  
13 CAN GET ADEQUATE RESEARCH. BUT TO GET PUBLIC INPUT THAT YOU'RE  
14 DOING NOW ONE MINUTE IS A JOKE, IS NO WAY ANY EDUCATED PERSON  
15 CAN MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CAUSE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NICOLE PARSON IN LANCASTER? NICOLE?  
18 ARE YOU THERE, MA'AM? GOOD AFTERNOON, NICOLE.

19

20 **NICOLE PARSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR. EVERYONE, HI. I JUST WANT  
21 TO TELL YOU THAT CHRISTINA IS HERE AND THANK YOU, GUYS, FOR  
22 SENDING SOMEONE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE CARE FOR YOU SO WE WANT TO HELP  
25 YOU.

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1

2 **NICOLE PARSON:** CHRISTINE FROM MENTAL HEALTH. CHRISTINE, COME  
3 HERE. AND SHE ENAMELED ME, I SEEN ALL THE PAPERWORK, YOU SEEN  
4 ALL THE PAPERWORK, AND SHE ENAMELED ME BUT SHE HAD ME WRITE  
5 THIS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH INFORMATION  
6 EACH TOWER WILL RECEIVE AND WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH DATA  
7 CONTAINED. I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE PHYSICAL DANGERS AND  
8 HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH TOWER AGENCY. I JUST WANTED  
9 TO URGE THE BOARD TO LOOK INTO OTHER OPTIONS TO IMPROVE  
10 COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLATERAL  
11 DAMAGE, SECURITY DERIVED FROM--

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, NICOLE. OKAY. THANK YOU  
14 VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN WALSH AND WAYNE SPINDLER.  
15 YES, SIR.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
18 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I CAN RECALL COMING TO A LOT OF THESE  
19 MEETINGS, SOME OF THIS DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS \$154 MILLION IN  
20 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE REALLY  
21 THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. \$154 MILLION IN GRANTS. AND THE  
22 ONLY THING I CAN FIND ANYWHERE THAT WOULD BE SIMILAR WOULD BE  
23 THE \$300 MILLION YOU USED TO GET FROM M.L.K. FOR M.L.K.  
24 OPERATIONS AND HOW THAT WENT OUT THE DOOR AND THE HOSPITAL  
25 CLOSED. AND FOR THE COUNTY TO TURN AWAY \$154 MILLION, THERE'S

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1 GOING TO BE A LOT OF HAND WRINGING OVER THAT. LAST WEEK YOU  
2 MADE A BIG DEAL ABOUT CALLING FOR AN AUDIT OF L.A. CARE  
3 EXPENSES. WHY DON'T YOU AUDIT L.A.-R.I.C.S. THE JOINT POWER  
4 AUTHORITY? IT SEEMS TO BE A THEME YOU'VE BEEN HEARING FROM A  
5 LOT OF SPEAKERS ABOUT LACKING A NOTIFICATION OF WHEN THESE  
6 TOWERS WERE GOING IN. SO WHAT EXACTLY WAS THE J.P.A. DOING?  
7 HOW WERE THEY COMMUNICATING THESE TOWERS TO THE PUBLIC? WHY  
8 DON'T YOU DO THAT? THAT WAS PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WE  
9 HEARD EARLIER. WHY DON'T YOU ASK FOR AN AUDIT OF THIS J.P.A.  
10 HOW THEY COMMUNICATED?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. WALSH? OR MR. SPINDLER,  
13 DOESN'T MATTER.

14

15 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG. I  
16 LIVE ACROSS THE STREET AT YUCCA AND ARGYLE FROM A CELL TOWER.  
17 AS YOU HEARD, THE RUMOR IS THAT THE RAYS BLAST YOUR GONADS AND  
18 DESTROY YOUR REPRODUCTIVE ABILITY. NOTHING COULD BE FARTHER  
19 FROM THE TRUTH. I'VE LIVED FOR MANY YEARS THERE AND I'M VERY,  
20 VERY MACHO. IT'S NONSENSE TO SAY THAT MY GONADS HAVE BEEN  
21 EXTREMELY HIT BY THOSE TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE RAYS. I WANT THAT  
22 RAY. I ENJOY THAT RAY. AND YOU FOLKS OUT THERE, ONCE YOU GET  
23 THE RAYS, YOU WILL ENJOY THEM, TOO. AND YOU'LL END UP JUST  
24 LIKE ME. SO DON'T ACT SO SILLY. AND WHEN THE RAYS HIT YOU  
25 BETWEEN THE LEGS, YOU'LL LOVE IT, GIRL. BYE-BYE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SPINDLER?

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4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. NOBODY'S REALLY DEFINED YET WHAT L.A. -

5 R.I.C.S. STANDS FOR. IT'S THE LOSER AGENCY, ROBBERS, IDIOTS,

6 CORRUPT SCHMUCKS. THAT'S WHAT IT STANDS FOR. AND IT IS ANOTHER

7 ROBBER BARON. WE'RE LIVING IN THE GILDED AGES, PART TWO OF

8 THIS COUNTRY. NOBODY'S REPRESENTED EXCEPT THE RICH, EXCEPT THE

9 UNION MEMBERS THAT HAVE CAMPAIGN DONATIONS FUNNELING

10 INDIRECTLY THROUGH THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF PEOPLE ELECTED.

11 THAT'S THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO GET REPRESENTED. YOU NEVER TOLD

12 ANYBODY ABOUT THE TOWERS. I'VE BEEN DOING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13 FOR OVER 10 YEARS MYSELF. AND THOSE THINGS GIVE OFF RADIATION.

14 AND THEN THE TECHNOLOGY'S GOING TO CHANGE. SO THIS IS NOT ONLY

15 RIDICULOUS, IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY. AND IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY

16 HAZARD. FINALLY, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WILL YOU WAKE UP AND TELL

17 US YOU'RE OPPOSED TO THIS? THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC COMMENTS

20 THAT WE'VE HAD. LET ME ASK A QUESTION ON THE MOTION THAT I

21 HAD. AND I SAID THAT THE PART WHEN I SAID THEY WOULD PROCEED

22 WHERE THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION. I WANT THAT TO ENSURE THAT IF A

23 POLE IS BEING BUILT NEXT TO A HOME, THAT THAT HOMEOWNER HAS

24 BEEN NOTIFIED BECAUSE WHAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS SHOWED US,

25 WHAT ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS HAS SHOWN US AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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1 THAT WE HAD TWO WEEKS AGO FROM RESIDENTS IN MY DISTRICT IN  
2 SANTA CLARITA WHAT WAS GOING TO GO UP FOUR FEET FROM A LADY'S  
3 HOME WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE, I DON'T WANT THAT TO BE INCLUDED.  
4 SO IT'S ONLY THOSE WHERE THERE IS NO OPPOSITION FROM THE  
5 EMPLOYEES AND FROM THE RESIDENTS WHOSE HOME WOULD BE IMPACTED  
6 BECAUSE THIS IS STUPID. AND, AGAIN, THE POINT HOW WE GOT THIS  
7 FAR, I DON'T KNOW. IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE. THAT WOULD BE AS  
8 AMENDMENT TO THAT. SO IS THERE ANY OPPOSITION? SO ORDERED. 5-  
9 0? SUPERVISOR SOLIS? KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. KUEHL:** JUST BECAUSE SOMETIMES BECAUSE A LOT GOES BY AND  
12 SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE WATCHING. WE JUST  
13 VOTED BUT WE DID NOT VOTE TO APPROVE L.A.-R.I.C.S. WE VOTED ON  
14 A MOTION BY THE MAYOR WHICH HE EXPLAINED EARLIER AND WHICH GOT  
15 A LOT OF ROOF RAISING, SO JUST TO EXPLAIN. THAT'S THE MOTION  
16 WE JUST VOTED ON.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE ASKING FOR THAT CONTINUANCE. WE  
19 ARE GOING TO SEND THAT LETTER TO WASHINGTON. THE BOARD IS  
20 GOING AS A GROUP TO WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH. WE WILL ALSO  
21 ARTICULATE THAT TO OUR LEADERSHIP. AND I KNOW WHEN WE HAD  
22 TALKED IN THE PAST WITH SENATOR FEINSTEIN, WE WILL UPDATE HER  
23 AND TELL HER WHAT WE NEED ON THIS. SHE HAS BEEN VERY RECEPTIVE  
24 IN THE PAST. AND IN THE LETTER IS A.S.A.P. BUT AGAIN WE SHARE  
25 THE CONCERNS BEING RAISED. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
3 ON THIS ITEM. I TRUST THAT IT'S APPRECIATED PURSUANT TO THE  
4 TESTIMONY THAT IT CANNOT BE MISTAKEN THAT L.A.-R.I.C.S. HAS A  
5 LOT OF WORK TO DO AND MORE THAN THAT A WHOLE LOT OF EXPLAINING  
6 TO DO TO THIS BOARD. AND I JUST FEEL, MR. MAYOR AND  
7 COLLEAGUES, THAT WE'VE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF THIS AND WE  
8 SHOULD NOT BE IN THIS POSITION. WE HAVE WORKED ON THIS FOR  
9 MANY YEARS. AND MOST OF US HERE HAVE BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE A  
10 LONG, LONG TIME. LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW WHEN SOMETHING IS BEING  
11 DONE PROPERLY AND WHEN IT IS NOT. AND FOR THIS MEMBER OF THE  
12 BOARD, I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THAT I AM VERY, VERY RELUCTANT TO  
13 CO-SIGN ANYTHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE THAT HAS THIS MANY  
14 QUESTIONS THAT ATTACHES TO IT. AND I'M VERY, VERY CONCERNED,  
15 MR. MAYOR, AND I WANT THAT TO BE A MATTER OF THE PUBLIC  
16 RECORD.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE THANK YOU. I  
19 WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO CAME DOWN, YOUR PATIENCE. WE CAN  
20 UNDERSTAND WHY AT TIMES WE HAVE TO LIMIT THE TIME BECAUSE  
21 OTHERWISE THIS WOULD GO ON FOR ETERNITY. YOU WE'LL WAIT FOR  
22 THAT FOR ANOTHER DAY FOR ETERNAL TIMES. BUT WE THANK YOU FOR  
23 YOUR PATIENCE FOR COMING OUT FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL PARTS.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WAS VERY NICE. AND THE TESTIMONY  
4    WAS VERY INFORMATIVE AND APPRECIATED BY EACH OF THE MEMBERS OF  
5    THIS BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO THANK--

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CERTAINLY.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** -- OUR STAFFS HAVE BEEN WORKING  
10    TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE, AS WELL. SO ORDERED. [APPLAUSE.] ITEM  
11    1-H, WE HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING? ITEM-- OKAY.

12

13    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. OUR  
14    PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ON ITEMS 1-H AND 1 THROUGH 4, ALL THOSE  
15    WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY AT THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR  
16    ARE IT HAND TO BE SWORN THIS? 1-H. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY  
17    GIVE BEFORE THE BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE  
18    TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU  
19    GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

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21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST WE'LL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT.  
22    HE

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24    **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU, MAYOR, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
25    I'VE BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE A BRIEF PRESENTATION TO TALK

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1 SPECIFICALLY AS ONE PART OF OUR ANNUAL PLAN THAT HAS TO DO  
2 WITH THE DISPOSITION STRATEGY OF SOUTH SCATTERED SITES. BEFORE  
3 WE BEGIN THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW  
4 THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS A STRATEGY DUE TO RECENT  
5 FUNDING CUTS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO OUR PUBLIC HOUSING  
6 PROGRAMS. AND, IN FACT, H.U.D. HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING R.A.D.  
7 CONVERSION OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND  
8 BOTH THIS DISPOSITION STRATEGY AS WELL AS R.A.D. CONSIDERATION  
9 HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN PRIOR ANNUAL PLANS. SO, TO BEGIN WITH,  
10 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS THE DISPOSITION STRATEGY OF 241 UNITS  
11 AT 38 PUBLIC HOUSING SITES. THE IDEA IS TO SELL THE PROPERTIES  
12 TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WHO WILL RETAIN THE 241 UNITS AS  
13 AFFORDABLE. SO NO UNITS ARE BEING LOST IN THE COMMUNITY. FROM  
14 THOSE SALES PROCEEDS, WE WOULD THEN TAKE THOSE DOLLARS AND  
15 BUILD APPROXIMATELY 126 NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ON ONE TO  
16 THREE SITES, DEPENDING UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND, AND THEN  
17 BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE RESIDENT SERVICE PLAN.  
18 AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION STRATEGY, IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE  
19 TENANT PROTECTION VOUCHERS. SO WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT AS PART  
20 OF THE SALE AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
21 UNITS TO A NONPROFIT, ANY TENANT WHO WOULD CHOOSE TO LEAVE  
22 THAT HOUSING AND HAVE CHOICE WOULD THEN RECEIVE A TENANT-BASED  
23 VOUCHER WHERE THEY COULD THEN TAKE THAT VOUCHER AND CHOOSE TO  
24 LIVE ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY. AND THEN, FINALLY, AS PART OF  
25 THIS 168 UNITS WOULD THEN BE CONVERTED UNDER H.U.D.'S RENTAL

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1 ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM. SO HERE IS THE DISPOSITION  
2 PROCESS. THE FIRST STEP IS TO INCLUDE IT WITHIN THE HOUSING  
3 AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN. HAVING A LITTLE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY  
4 HERE. OKAY. THANK YOU. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PROCESS. SO THE  
5 FIRST STEP IS TO INCLUDE THE DISPOSITION STRATEGY AS PART OF  
6 OUR ANNUAL PLAN. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL PLAN DOES NOT APPROVE  
7 THE DISPOSITION STRATEGY. IT IS PROVIDED THERE FOR PUBLIC  
8 COMMENT PURPOSES TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT THIS IS  
9 POTENTIALLY SOMETHING THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONSIDER. AS I HAD  
10 MENTIONED IN PAST ANNUAL PLANS, WE HAVE INCLUDED THE  
11 DISPOSITION AND R.A.D. PROCESS AND HAVE HELD A NUMBER OF  
12 DIFFERENT MEETINGS, AND I'LL GET TO THAT IN THE NEXT SLIDE. SO  
13 ONCE THE ANNUAL PLAN IS APPROVED TODAY, THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE  
14 TO HAVE ONGOING COMMUNITY MEETINGS. WE WOULD PREPARE THE  
15 APPLICATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY DISPOSITION. WE  
16 WOULD NEED TO REQUEST LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM YOUR BOARD. WE  
17 WOULD THEN NEED TO COME BACK TO YOUR BOARD TO GET  
18 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT THAT APPLICATION TO H.U.D. AND THEN  
19 FROM THAT, WE WOULD SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO H.U.D. AND THEN  
20 THEY WOULD EITHER PROVIDE THEIR APPROVAL OR DENIAL AS I  
21 MENTIONED, OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, WE  
22 HAVE HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS TO TALK ABOUT BOTH DISPOSITION  
23 AND R.A.D. AND LISTED BEFORE YOU ARE THOSE MEETINGS THAT HAVE  
24 OCCURRED WITH THE MOST RECENT MEETINGS OCCURRING ON JANUARY  
25 14, 2015. FINALLY, AS PART OF THIS PROCESS, WE DID SEND OUT A

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1 RESIDENT SURVEY TO ALL 241 DISPOSITION HOUSEHOLDS. AND WE HAD  
2 142 RESPONSE. WE HAD QUITE A RESPONSE. AND WHAT'S INTERESTING  
3 ABOUT THAT RESPONSE IS 78 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THAT  
4 IF IN FACT THIS MOVES FORWARD WITH A DISPOSITION STRATEGY,  
5 THEY'RE VERY INTERESTED IN A VOUCHER. 13 PERCENT SAID THEY  
6 WANTED TO REMAIN IN PLACE, OR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER PUBLIC  
7 HOUSING SITE. WHICH IS VERY EASY TO ACHIEVE WHETHER IT BE BOTH  
8 THROUGH THE SALE WITH THE NONPROFIT OR LOOKING AT OUR NORMAL  
9 TURNOVER RATE AT OUR OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING SITES. AND THEN 9  
10 PERCENT OF THOSE RESPONDENTS WERE UNDECIDED. SO WITH ALL THAT  
11 BEING SAID, I NEED TO REST ASSURE THIS BOARD AND OUR RESIDENTS  
12 THAT NO ASSISTED RESIDENT AT OUR SOUTH SCATTERED SITES WILL  
13 LOSE THEIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION. THIS  
14 IS JUST A FIRST STEP. AND THAT, IN FACT, IF THEY CHOOSE TO  
15 STAY IN THEIR HOUSING, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. AND IF WE  
16 ARE SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THE PROTECTION VOUCHERS, THEY WILL  
17 THEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO THEN CHOOSE TO LIVE ELSEWHERE. AND I  
18 STAND BY WITH ANY QUESTIONS. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND  
22 COLLEAGUES. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO  
23 MANY OF US, MR. ROGAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THE  
24 POINT I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT IT IS CRITICAL THAT NO  
25 HOUSEHOLDS ARE LEFT DISPLACED AND THAT NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING



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1 IS, IN FACT, LOST PURSUANT TO WHAT'S BEFORE US. ANYONE WHO  
2 THINKS THAT THE BOARD IS CO-SIGNING THAT IS SORELY AND/ OR  
3 GROSSLY MISTAKEN. IT OUGHT TO BE RESTATED THAT THE COUNTY IS  
4 FACING AN EXTREME SHORTAGE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SOME  
5 ESTIMATES ARE AS HIGH AS A HALF MILLION UNITS. THIS IS WHY FOR  
6 THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THE BOARD HAS SOUGHT TO CAPTURE THE  
7 DEVELOPMENT BOOMERANG FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLOWING THOSE  
8 DOLLARS INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND WE SHOULD DO MORE OF THAT  
9 AS A POLICY MATTER. I SUSPECT IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT THIS IS  
10 PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
11 WITH A DISPROPORTIONAL IMPACTS THAT ARE BORNE THERE WITH SOME  
12 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PERSONS PAYING MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF  
13 THEIR INCOME FOR HOUSING AND IN OTHER INSTANCES IT MOVES  
14 HIGHER THAN THAT TO AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT ACCORDING TO THE  
15 DATA THAT WE'VE ACCESSED. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE HOUSING  
16 AUTHORITY SHOULD, IN FACT, BE REQUIRED, MR. MAYOR, COLLEAGUES,  
17 TO RETURN TO US WITH THE APPROPRIATE DETAILS ON THEIR PROPOSED  
18 PLAN FOR THE 38 PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS MORE SPECIFICALLY  
19 IN THE SECOND AND WELL BEYOND THAT SHOULD THE BOARD DEEM  
20 APPROPRIATE. THE BOARD REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE A DISCUSSION OF  
21 THE COST AND BENEFITS, ESPECIALLY THE EXPECTED IMPACT, THAT IS  
22 TO SAY, THE ANTICIPATED IMPACT OF ANY ON SAID TENANTS. THE  
23 HOUSING AUTHORITY SHOULD REPORT BACK SHOULD INCLUDE RESIDENT  
24 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES THAT REFLECT THOSE SENTIMENTS BECAUSE  
25 IT'S ARGUABLY CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT FROM THIS TIME AROUND. MAY

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1 I SIMPLY SAY THAT THE GOAL IS TO PRESENT A PLAN TO THE BOARD  
2 THAT AVOIDS DISPLACEMENT AND LOSS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
3 ESPECIALLY HOUSING SERVING VERY LOW INCOME PERSONS. WE HAVE A  
4 READ-IN MOTION TO THAT EFFECT. IT IS BEFORE US. AND WE'LL ASK  
5 THAT IT BE DISTRIBUTED. AND WE ASK THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO  
6 AGAIN REPORT BACK IN A 45-DAY PERIOD. WE INSTRUCT THE  
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENSURE THAT THE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ARE  
8 HELD WITH THE RESIDENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL DISPOSITION  
9 AND CONVERSION OF PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS TO INCLUDE THOSE  
10 COMMENTS IN THE FEEDBACK REPORT. FINALLY, TO INSTRUCT THE  
11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR ANY APPROVAL OF  
12 ANY DISPOSITION APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL TO HOUSING AND  
13 URBAN DEVELOPMENT. THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION, MR. MAYOR, AND I  
14 SEEK A SECOND.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND BY  
17 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED  
18 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS. FIRST, THOUGH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, HAS  
19 COMMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU. I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS, ACTUALLY, BOTH  
22 ABOUT THE-- PRIMARILY ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN PIECES OF  
23 THAT AND THEN ONE FURTHER QUESTION FOLLOWING UP ON THE MOTION  
24 THAT WAS JUST READ IN. FIRST OF ALL, WERE THE CHANGES THAT ARE  
25 MADE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN TO HOMELESS, WAIT LIST POLICY

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1 VETTED WITH L.A.H.S.A.? THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES  
2 AUTHORITY?

3

4 **SEAN ROGAN:** L.A.H.S.A. IS AWARE OF THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES  
5 THAT WE MADE AND IT'S ONLY SPECIFIC TO INDIVIDUALS THAT THAT  
6 ARE CURRENTLY ON THE WAITING LIST, NOT INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE  
7 REFERRED TO THE HOMELESS PROGRAM.

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** L.A.H.S.A. IS AWARE IS A VERY CAREFUL WAY OF  
10 SAYING WE DIDN'T EXACTLY HAVE THEM VETTED WITH THEM. SO WHAT  
11 YOU'RE SAYING IS WE DECIDED ON THESE ASPECTS IN THE PLAN AND  
12 TOLD L.A.H.S.A.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE DOES NOT IMPACT ANY OF  
15 THE CLIENTS THAT WE WORK WITH L.A.H.S.A. DIRECTLY WITH. THESE  
16 ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON OUR WAITING LIST. IT  
17 PROVIDES THEM A GREATER PATH TOWARDS GETTING HOUSED.

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** SO HOW DOES H.A.C.L.A. PLAN AS THEY DO TO WITH THE  
20 SOLUTION SYSTEM AND THE SINGLE ADULT COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM  
21 TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR HOMELESS RESOURCES ARE PRIORITIZED FOR  
22 THOSE HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE IN THE GREATEST NEED?  
23 THAT'S NOT ALWAYS THE FIRST GUY THAT LINES UP, YOU KNOW. I  
24 MEAN, WE NEED TO BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL, I THINK, ABOUT HOW  
25 WE'RE LOOKING AT THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR RESOURCES.

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MAY DESCRIBE IN GREATER DETAIL WHAT  
3 THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE DOES, IS WE HAVE INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY  
4 ON OUR WAITING LIST. AS THEY GET PULLED AND IF THEY TELL US  
5 THEY'RE HOMELESS, CURRENTLY WE HAVE M.O.U.S WITH 13 COMMUNITY-  
6 BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP TO DETERMINE THEIR HOMELESS  
7 STATUS. IF THEY ARE NOT NEARBY ANY OF THOSE 13 C.B.O.S THEY  
8 HAVE A GREATER CHALLENGE IN GETTING THAT CERTIFICATION. WHAT  
9 THIS CHANGE DOES IS THEY CAN GO TO ANY NONPROFIT THAT CAN  
10 DETERMINE THEIR HOMELESS STATUS, THEREBY WE CAN SERVICE THEM  
11 QUICKER. BUT THESE ARE FOLKS THAT ARE ON THE WAITING LIST, NOT  
12 FOLKS THAT GET REFERRED THROUGH THE C.B.O.S OR THROUGH C.E.S.  
13 OR ANY OF THOSE OTHER SYSTEMS. IT ADDRESSES A GAP RIGHT NOW  
14 THAT EXISTS FOR CURRENT PEOPLE THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE  
15 WAITING LIST. AND IT'S A BARRIER FOR THEM SOMETIMES WHEN THEY  
16 ARE NOT LOCATED NEARBY ONE OF THOSE 13 C.B.O.S.

17

18 **SUP. KUEHL:** ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE ACCESS. OFTEN THOSE  
19 IN THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY WHO MOST NEED OUR HELP ARE LEAST  
20 ABLE, AS I SAID, TO COME TO THE FRONT OF THE LINE, IN MANY  
21 WAYS. SO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO EXPAND THEIR ABILITY TO AT  
22 LEAST HAVE A SHOT AT WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER, IT WOULD BE VERY  
23 IMPORTANT. FINALLY, ON THE PLAN, WHAT STEPS IS H.A.C.L.A.  
24 TAKING TO HELP L.A. REACH THE GOAL OF ENDING VETERAN  
25 HOMELESSNESS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR? LOOKS LIKE L.A. CITY

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1 MIGHT BE ON TRACK BUT THE COUNTY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S SO ON  
2 TRACK.

3

4 **SEAN ROGAN:** A COUPLE THINGS IF I CAN. AS IT RELATES TO ENDING  
5 VETERANS' HOMELESSNESS, WE'VE DONE A NUMBER OF THINGS BOTH AS  
6 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
7 COMMISSION. SO LET ME SPEAK FIRST AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. SO  
8 AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, STARTING BACK IN 2010, WE RECEIVED  
9 OUR ABILITY TO APPLY FOR AND EVENTUALLY RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY  
10 225 VOUCHERS SPECIFIC TO HOMELESS VETS. THROUGH OUR  
11 PARTICIPATION OF THAT PROGRAM, WE HAVE ACTUALLY GROWN THAT  
12 PROGRAM TO OVER 1300 VOUCHERS. AND WE JUST RECENTLY, BASED  
13 AGAIN ON OUR PERFORMANCE, HAVE THE ABILITY TO ADD, AND WE FEEL  
14 VERY CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE, AN ADDITIONAL 255  
15 VOUCHERS WHICH WILL BRING OUR TOTAL TO WELL OVER 1550 VOUCHERS  
16 SPECIFIC TO HOMELESS VETS. SECONDLY AS IT RELATES TO THE  
17 HOMELESS VET POPULATION, H.A.C.L.A. AS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
18 HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR ITS BEST PRACTICES IN TERMS OF HOW WE  
19 HAVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF L.A., WE HAVE A  
20 SINGLE APPLICATION PROCESS, WE HAVE PUT FORTH A NUMBER OF  
21 PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES THAT HAVE NOW BEEN RECOGNIZED  
22 NATIONALLY TO HELP HOUSE THE HOMELESS. THIRD AS THE COMMUNITY  
23 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, WE HAVE PROVIDED THROUGH OUR ANNUAL  
24 N.O.F.A. PROCESS, PROJECT-BASED V.A.S.H. VOUCHERS AND MOST  
25 RECENTLY HAD A 40-UNIT DEVELOPMENT OPEN UP IN EL MONTE. AND WE

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1 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THOSE RESOURCES TO HELP PROVIDE PERMANENT  
2 HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETS. WHERE WE STAND RIGHT NOW IS IN  
3 CONJUNCTION WITH PROP 41. WE ARE VERY ACTIVELY WORKING WITH  
4 THE STATE AND WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS TO HELP DEVELOP A N.O.F.A.  
5 THAT WILL TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE PROP 41 DOLLARS SO THAT  
6 WE CAN LEVERAGE THOSE TO THE BEST WE CAN AND TO PROVIDE  
7 ADDITIONAL V.A.S.H. VOUCHERS TO THEN DEVELOP AND CREATE  
8 ADDITIONAL VETERAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT KIND OF RESOURCES DO WE HAVE LEFT IN PROP 41?  
11 WHAT KIND OF NUMBERS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

12

13 **SEAN ROGAN:** WELL, PROP 41 HAS YET TO-- TO ANSWER YOUR  
14 QUESTION, IN TERMS OF THE BOND ISSUANCE, I THINK IT'S HUNDREDS  
15 OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THEY HAVEN'T ISSUED ANY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT YET. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE RESOURCES  
18 UNDERNEATH THAT, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. SO OUR PLAN IS TO PROVIDE CAPITAL  
21 DOLLARS FROM THE N.O.F.A. DOLLARS THAT YOUR BOARD HAS PROVIDED  
22 US AND TO PROVIDE SOME OF OUR NEW ALLOCATION OF VETERAN  
23 V.A.S.H. VOUCHERS TOWARDS THE PROJECT SO THAT WE CAN POSITION  
24 OURSELVES TO ACCESS AS MANY OF THOSE PROP 41 DOLLARS THAT COME  
25 OUT IN THIS FIRST ROUND AS POSSIBLE.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** SO WE CAN USE THAT AS LEVERAGE TO MATCH UP  
3 CORRECTLY?

4

5 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY.  
10 SUSAN BURTON. ARIANA ALCARAZ. ROBERT LUCAS. KESSHA JOHNSON  
11 SCOTT. FERNANDO GAYTAN. JAMES PORTER. AND MARIA PALOMARES.  
12 THELMY PEREZ. WESLEY WALKER? TIFFANY JOHNSON? KESSHA DAVIS?  
13 ARNOLD SACHS? YES.

14

15 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS.  
16 YOU KNOW, I SO ENJOY WHEN THE SUPERVISORS ASK QUESTIONS OF  
17 THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THESE PROGRAMS. AND I KNOW  
18 THIS SEAT GETS HOT BECAUSE I CAN TELL BY THEIR RESPONSE. THE  
19 FACT OF THE MATTER IS THERE IS NO REASON ON THIS EARTH THAT WE  
20 SHOULD HAVE HOMELESS VETS. THIS IS INFATHOMABLE. I DON'T  
21 UNDERSTAND THAT. SOME OF THE RHETORIC THAT I HEARD FROM THIS  
22 MAN IN TRYING TO ANSWER A QUESTION, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS MAN  
23 IS ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DELEGATING MONEY FOR  
24 PEOPLE FOR HOMELESSNESS. I HEARD MYSELF HIM CHANNEL RESOURCES  
25 THAT IN NO WAY THESE PEOPLE QUALIFY FOR. IF A FAMILY IS IN



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1    NEED AND IS HOMELESS, FIX IT. YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
2    MONEY. MR. KNABE ASKED HOW MANY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE? IT TOOK  
3    HIM A SECOND TO ANSWER THAT. AND THEN HE SAID HUNDREDS OF  
4    MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE'VE GOT KIDS ON THE STREET. WE'VE GOT  
5    FAMILIES OUT THERE IN HIGH-RISK AREAS. NOW, I KNOW THERE'S A  
6    LOT OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, BELIEVE  
7    ME I DO. BUT WHEN YOU CUT THROUGH ALL OF THE RHETORICAL BULL,  
8    FIX IT! I DON'T NEED TO HEAR SOMEBODY THAT'S EDUCATED TRY AND  
9    NAVIGATE HOLDING ONTO THESE FUNDS FOR SOMEBODY TO MEET  
10    CRITERIA OR PUT ON A LIST THAT ISN'T HIGH PRIORITY BECAUSE  
11    THEY KNOW SOMEBODY OR BECAUSE THEY MADE IT TO THE FRONT OF THE  
12    LINE. THAT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME. IF THEY'RE IN NEED, THEY'RE  
13    HOMELESS, THEY NEED A PLACE TO STAY, AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY,  
14    THEY HAVE KIDS? FIX IT!

15

16    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17

18    **FERNANDO GAYTAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. FERNANDO GAYTAN WITH THE  
19    LEGAL AID FOUNDATION, LOS ANGELES. IT BEARS REPEATING THAT  
20    THERE IS A SEVERE DEARTH OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN LOS ANGELES  
21    COUNTY, AS THE SUPERVISOR POINTED OUT. I WOULD ADD TO THAT  
22    THAT SINCE MID 1990, NEARLY 200,000 UNITS OF PUBLIC HOUSING--  
23    PUBLIC HOUSING-- HAVE BEEN LOST AND NOT REPLACED. SECTION 8  
24    VOUCHERS, ON THE WAIT LIST FOR SECTION 8 VOUCHERS HAVE BEEN ON  
25    HOLD FOR ALMOST A DECADE. THIS PUTS SEVERAL FAMILIES AT RISK

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1 OF DISPLACEMENT. AND FAMILIES THAT ARE IN DEEP NEED OF  
2 SUBSIDIES IN DIRE STRAITS. THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IN PARTICULAR HAS  
3 A HIGH INCIDENCE OF POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE'S AT 12.9  
4 PERCENT. THE PLAN ITSELF DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH DETAIL IN IT TO  
5 ENSURE THAT DISPLACEMENT IS NOT GOING TO BE AN OUTCOME.  
6 VOUCHERS THEMSELVES DO NOT PROTECT TENANTS IN PLACE. H.U.D.,  
7 FOR EXAMPLE, HAS ISSUED TENANT-BASED VOUCHERS. AND ON AVERAGE,  
8 THAT HAS ONLY REPLACED 50 TO 60 PERCENT OF THE UNITS LOST WHEN  
9 DISPOSITION IS MOVED FORWARD. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO STILL  
10 UNCLEAR HOW ALL THE VOUCHERS-- WHERE ALL THE VOUCHERS THAT ARE  
11 BEING PROPOSED HERE WILL COME FROM. I WOULD CAUTION THE BOARD  
12 AND ASK THAT THIS PLAN BE RE-VISITED. WE NEED MORE DETAILS IN  
13 IT. WE NEED ASSURANCES TO THE RESIDENTS THAT THEY WILL BE  
14 ALLOWED TO STAY IN PLACE, THAT HARD UNITS WILL BE PRESERVED ON  
15 THE GROUND AND THAT TENANTS WILL HAVE A ROBUST OPPORTUNITY TO  
16 COMMENT. I HAVE TO POINT OUT TO THE BOARD THAT THERE ARE  
17 SEVERAL TENANTS FROM THE SITES IN ATHENS THAT WERE HERE TO  
18 TESTIFY BUT BECAUSE THIS GOT PUT OVER TO THE AFTERNOON,  
19 UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAD TO LEAVE. THEY HAD CHILDREN TO TAKE  
20 CARE OF, CHILDREN TO PICK UP FROM SCHOOL. I HIGHLY-- I REALLY  
21 ASK THAT THIS BE PUT OVER FOR PUBLIC COMMENT SO THAT MORE  
22 RESIDENTS CAN COME AND GIVE THEIR PUBLIC COMMENT.

23  
24 **SUP. SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE MOTION EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHES THAT.  
2    SO WHEN THE BOARD ACTS, THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS. AND I  
3    DID SAY HEARINGS. THAT IS PLURAL. THAT'S THE EXPECTATION AS  
4    STATED IN THE MOTION. THE INPUT OF THE TENANTS SHOULD BE  
5    INCLUDED IN THE REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

6

7    **FERNANDO GAYTAN:** I APPRECIATE THAT. I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT THE  
8    PLAN ITSELF, THAT THERE BE ASSURANCES THAT NO DISPOSITION PLAN  
9    WILL BE SUBMITTED UNTIL THAT PUBLIC COMMENT CAN TAKE PLACE.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S WHAT THE MOTION EXPLICITLY SAYS.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15   **SUP. SOLIS:** YEAH, I WANTED JUST CLARIFICATION BECAUSE YOU'RE  
16   MAKING IT SOUND AS THOUGH THERE IS NO FULL GUARANTEE HERE. CAN  
17   YOU GO INTO A LITTLE BIT OF DETAIL ABOUT THAT?

18

19   **FERNANDO GAYTAN:** YES, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. THE PLAN  
20   ITSELF CURRENTLY CALLS FOR SEVERAL UNITS TO BE SLATED FOR  
21   DISPOSITION AND SOME UNITS TO BE SLATED FOR R.A.D. AND YOU  
22   HEARD THIS FROM MR. ROGAN. I BELIEVE OF THE 240 UNITS THAT ARE  
23   SLATED FOR CONVERSION, 241 ARE FOR DISPOSITION. ONLY 100-- YOU  
24   SAW IT ON THE SLIDES-- ONLY 100 ARE POSSIBLY GOING TO BE  
25   RETURNED FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION THROUGH SOME INVESTMENT.

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1   THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES ABOUT WHO THAT INVESTOR IS GOING TO  
2   BE, WHETHER THAT INVESTOR IS GOING TO ACCEPT SECTION 8  
3   VOUCHERS, WHETHER THERE'S GOING TO BE GUARANTEES TO THE  
4   RESIDENTS THAT THEIR CURRENT RATE OF AFFORDABILITY IS GOING TO  
5   BE MAINTAINED.

6

7   **SUP. SOLIS:** COULD I ASK MR. ROGAN TO ANSWER THAT?

8

9   **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU. CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR. THE CURRENT PLAN  
10  IS ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, BASED ON ESTIMATES OF ACHIEVING 9  
11  PERCENT TAX CREDITS AS WELL AS FINDING AVAILABLE LAND TO BUILD  
12  THE SITES. WE'D BE LOOKING AT ABOUT 126 UNITS. AND THAT WOULD  
13  BE OWNED AND OPERATED EITHER BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OR A  
14  COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AFFILIATED NONPROFIT SO THAT  
15  WE CAN, IN FACT, GUARANTEE THAT THOSE UNITS WILL BE  
16  AFFORDABLE.

17

18  **SUP. SOLIS:** SO YOU ARE SAYING THAT THEY WILL BE GUARANTEED?

19

20  **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT THOSE UNITS WILL BE AFFORDABLE, CORRECT.

21

22  **SUP. SOLIS:** BUT IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER  
23  THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BE DISPLACED OR REMOVED FOR A  
24  PERIOD POSSIBLY WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS BACK INTO THOSE  
25  UNITS? WELL, I MEAN, THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND.

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1

2 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT IS CORRECT. THERE'S ALSO THE ISSUE OF THE  
3 LEVELS OF AFFORDABILITY. SO IF A PROGRAM, FOR EXAMPLE, CALLS  
4 FOR 60 PERCENT OF A.M.I., MANY OF THE FAMILIES THAT ARE IN  
5 THESE PLACES NOW ARE NOT EVEN THERE. THEY ARE NOT AT 60  
6 PERCENT OF A.M.I. THEIR RENTS WILL NOT BE AS AFFORDABLE AS  
7 THEY ARE CURRENTLY. THERE IS ALSO NOT THE SAME LEVELS OF  
8 TENANT PROTECTION THAT EXIST FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN  
9 OTHER PROGRAMS. SO THESE DETAILS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT,  
10 ESPECIALLY THE FOLKS WHO RELY ON THESE UNITS TO BE CLOSE TO  
11 SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS AND THEIR JOBS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU DEFINE AFFORDABLE AND  
14 WHERE. BECAUSE I KNOW IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE  
15 SOME CURRENT ISSUES ONGOING THERE REGARDING AFFORDABILITY AND  
16 WHAT OUR MEASUREMENTS. THEY AREN'T REFLECTIVE OF WHAT THE  
17 ACTUAL INCOME LEVEL IS FOR RESIDENTS IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, WHICH  
18 IS, THERE'S A BIG DISPARITY THERE. SO I THINK WE'RE ON THE  
19 RIGHT TRACK. AND I BELIEVE THE MOTION THAT WE JUST MOVED WILL  
20 HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THAT. BUT CERTAINLY MORE INPUT, MORE  
21 CLARITY WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS PROCESS.  
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

2

3    **MARIA PALOMARES:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, I GUESS, AT THIS POINT.

4    MY NAME IS MARIA PALOMARES AND I'M WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL

5    SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ECHO WHAT FERNANDO GAYTAN

6    FROM L.A.F.L.A. HAS JUST STATED. AND LET ME JUST SHED ANOTHER

7    LAYER OF INFORMATION THAT I THINK MISS SOLIS WAS ASKING ABOUT.

8    THE PLAN IS VERY AMORPHOUS AND HAS CHANGED EVERY TIME IT'S

9    BEEN SUBMITTED AND IT HAS CHANGED FROM WHETHER IT'S

10    DISPOSITION OR R.A.D. AND WE CAN USE THOSE ACRONYMS AND IMPACT

11    THEM BEYOND HERE. BUT WHAT IT REALLY MEANS IS PAYING A CLOSE

12    EYE TO: ARE WE LOSING THESE AFFORDABLE UNITS? AND WE HAVE TO

13    BE VERY-- WHAT I CAUTION YOU IS THAT WE NOT ATTRIBUTE HANDING

14    OUT VOUCHERS TO A ONE FOR ONE REPLACEMENT BECAUSE THE DATA

15    SHOWS THAT IT IS NOT A ONE FOR ONE REPLACEMENT. AS MR.

16    [INAUDIBLE] WAS POINTING OUT, THE DATA SHOWS THAT WHEN YOU

17    GIVE SOMEONE A VOUCHER, IT'S ABOUT AT BEST, A 50 TO 60 PERCENT

18    REPLACEMENT. YOU HAVE LOST AFFORDABILITY. THE OTHER IS THE

19    UNQUANTIFIABLES. THESE ARE UNITS THAT ARE SOME OF THEM 4 TO 5

20    BEDROOMS. IT IS GOING TO BE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE FOR SOME OF THESE

21    FAMILIES WHO ARE DISABLED OR ELDERLY TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE AND

22    HAVE SOMEONE TAKE THAT VOUCHER. THE OTHER THING IS THEY'RE

23    LOSING A COMMUNITY, AND MANY PROTECTIONS THAT COME WITH PUBLIC

24    HOUSING. AND SO WHAT WE URGE THE BOARD TO DO IS TO REALLY STOP

25    AND SLOW THIS DOWN AND SAY: WHAT IS THE BEST PATH? IF IN FACT

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1 PUBLIC HOUSING DOES NEED TO BE RE-VISITED, THEN DISPOSITION  
2 MAY NOT BE-- AND WE WOULD CERTAINLY SAY IT IS NOT THE BEST  
3 PATH. AND SO IS R.A.D. SOMETHING WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT? OR  
4 IS THERE ANOTHER PLAN? GETTING THE COMMUNITY INPUT AND LOOKING  
5 AT WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRESERVE THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?  
6 BECAUSE R.A.D., IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO DOWN THAT PATH, IS IN  
7 MANY WAYS BETTER THAN DISPOSITION AND DOES PROTECT A ONE TO  
8 ONE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS. AND ALSO MR. SPINDLER?

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. YES, THANK YOU, GOOD  
13 AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE CLARIFIED, I'D  
14 LIKE TO CLARIFY IS, I BELIEVE IT WAS MENTIONED IN THE REPORT  
15 THAT THESE ARE THE SOUTH SCATTERED SITES. AND PART OF THIS, I  
16 BELIEVE MR. ROGAN MENTIONED, CUTS BY H.U.D. AND IT'S GREAT HOW  
17 YOU BIFURCATED 1-H FROM 2-H. I THINK IF YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD  
18 THIS ITEM FIRST BEFORE YOUR 11 O'CLOCK SET AGENDA ITEM, HOW  
19 MUCH DIFFERENT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FROM THE OPINIONS THAT  
20 PEOPLE WOULD HAVE COME UP BEFOREHAND TO HEAR THAT HOUSING  
21 VOUCHERS MAY BE CUT OR CHANGED. AND 1-H WAS WHERE YOU WANT TO  
22 ELIMINATE A CONTROL FOR HOUSING VOUCHERS. SO BACK TO WHAT THE  
23 SOUTH SIDE SCATTERED SITES, BASICALLY THAT ADDRESSES ONE  
24 DISTRICT. SO WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FOUR DISTRICTS? WHAT ABOUT  
25 THE OTHER THREE DIRECTIONS? NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST. YOU



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1 MENTIONED BOYLE HEIGHTS, MISS SOLIS. THAT'S NOT IN THE SOUTH  
2 CAMPUS SCATTERED SITES, IS IT? SO IS THERE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN  
3 FOR THOSE SITES THERE? AND, AGAIN, AS MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS  
4 MENTIONED, WE'RE HALF A MILLION, ASSURED OF HALF A MILLION  
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SITES IN L.A. COUNTY. SO AGAIN WE GO BACK  
6 TO 1-H OR 2-H WHERE YOU'RE OPENING UP-- YOUR PLAN IS TO OPEN  
7 UP, BUT HOW CAN YOU INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
8 SITES AVAILABLE WHEN YOU'RE ALREADY 500,000 IN THE HOLE? SO  
9 WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS TO DO THAT INSTEAD OF JUST BLAH, BLAH,  
10 BLAH WHICH IS WHAT YOU'RE GOOD AT. AND THE OTHER PART OF IT?  
11 H.A.C.L.A., H.A.C.O.L.A., HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
12 L.A. HOUSING AUTHORITY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE IS A SILO  
13 THERE. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO ADDRESS THAT SILO?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SPINDLER.

16

17 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, THE PROBLEM WITH ALL OF THIS IS THAT THE  
18 NEED IS INSATIABLE. IF WE TODAY WERE TO TAKE EVERY HOMELESS  
19 PERSON, EVERY PERSON WITH VOUCHERS AND GIVE THEM HOUSING, IN  
20 THE NEXT MONTH, EVERY CITY IN AMERICA WOULD BE SENDING ONE WAY  
21 PLANE TICKETS AND SENDING THEIR PEOPLE OVER HERE. YOU CAN  
22 NEVER STOP THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE WHATEVER YOU GIVE, AS SOON AS  
23 IT'S FULFILLED, THE DEMAND WILL BE RIGHT BACK THERE, PLUS. SO  
24 THE FIRST THING THAT HAS TO BE DONE WITH THIS PLAN-- AND THIS  
25 IS A GOOD ONE-- IS TO GO INTO BEVERLY HILLS AND PUT ONE OF

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1 THESE HOMELESS DEVELOPMENTS IN THERE FIRST. IT'S GOT TO BE THE  
2 FIRST THING. BECAUSE YOU GOT TO GO INTO THESE AREAS AND YOU  
3 HAVE TO SCATTER OUT THE HOMELESS POPULATION AND YOU HAVE TO  
4 SCATTER OUT THESE ISSUES. THIS IS WHY YOU HAVE A PROBLEM SUCH  
5 AS THE CRIME GOING ON IN WATTS AND DOWN IN THE DISTRICT WHERE  
6 THE SHOOTING OCCURRED IS BECAUSE ALL OF THESE WEALTHY AREAS,  
7 THEY DON'T WANT THESE PEOPLE. AND THEY THROW THEM OUT OF THEIR  
8 COMMUNITIES. AND THAT, IN TURN, CREATES THIS SLUM EFFECT THAT  
9 HAPPENS. SO THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO DO IS START PUTTING  
10 SOME OF THESE AREAS, AFTER YOU GET THEM APPROVED, INTO SOME OF  
11 THESE WEALTHY AREAS AND YOU START WITH BEVERLY HILLS FIRST.  
12 NOW, IF THEY DECIDE THAT THEY DON'T WANT IT, THEN YOU CAN GO  
13 AND TERMINATE THE WHOLE THING AND SAY, NO MORE, WE'RE GETTING  
14 OUT OF H.U.D., WE'RE GETTING OUT OF ALL THIS AND GIVE BACK THE  
15 MONEY TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THEN WHAT HAPPENS IS THEY'LL GO  
16 UP TO SAN FRANCISCO, THEY'LL GO ANYWHERE ELSE AND YOU'LL START  
17 GETTING RID OF ALL THIS PROBLEM OVERNIGHT. SO EITHER YOU FUND  
18 IT AND YOU GET MORE AND MORE OF IT, OR YOU GET RID OF IT AND  
19 YOU GET RID OF THE PROBLEM. TRY TO LOOK INTO THOSE KIND OF  
20 SOLUTIONS. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR, YOU SAID YOU HAVE A  
23 MOTION? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THE MOTION. SECONDED, IT'S READY TO  
2    GO.

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
5    ORDERED.

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NUMBER 1?

10

11    **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU. ITEM 1 THIS IS  
12    THE HEARING ON WEED ABATEMENT AND BRUSH CLEARANCE REFEREE'S  
13    REPORT TO ABATE HAZARDOUS BRUSH, DRY GRASS OR DANGEROUS WEEDS,  
14    RUBBISH, ILLEGAL DUMPING AND COMBUSTIBLE GROWTH OR INFLAMMABLE  
15    VEGETATION TO INCLUDE NATIVE AND ORNAMENTAL VEGETATION ON  
16    DESIGNATED IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTIES IN LOS ANGELES  
17    COUNTY. THERES NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS ITEM AND NO  
18    CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

19

20    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT IS THERE  
21    MARY EVANS? MARY EVANS, KENNETH EVANS. WAYNE SPINDLER.

22

23    **KENNETH EVANS:** I'M KENNETH EVANS. AND MY DAUGHTER WILL SPEAK  
24    TO THE BOARD.

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHE CAN HAVE YOUR TIME, AS WELL.

2

3    **MARY EVANS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE MAYOR AND HONORABLE  
4    SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARY EVANS. I SPEAK TODAY ON BEHALF OF  
5    MY 94-YEAR-OLD FATHER HERE WITH ME. MY PROPERTY, HIS PROPERTY,  
6    HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS HARBORING WEEDS, BRUSH AND RUBBISH AND  
7    ALSO HAS BEEN LABELED AS A DESIGNATED PROPERTY BY YOUR BOARD'S  
8    RESOLUTION ON JANUARY 13, 2015 AS A PROPERTY THAT IS  
9    CONSIDERED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE. HE  
10   RESPECTFULLY DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS DESIGNATION. AFTER  
11   STUDYING THE 2013-2015 BRUSH CLEARANCE/WEED ABATEMENT  
12   REFEREE'S HEARING REPORTS, I SEE THAT EACH AND EVERY LOS  
13   ANGELES COUNTY PROPERTY OWNER THAT OWNS PROPERTY WITHIN  
14   DESIGNATED FIRE ZONES ARE PRESUMED EN MASSE TO HARBOR WEEDS,  
15   BRUSH AND RUBBISH. THIS PRESUMPTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE  
16   BEFORE ANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY INSPECTIONS WERE ACTUALLY MADE  
17   OF THESE 28,214 PREDOMINANTLY PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTIES FOR  
18   THAT RESPECTIVE YEAR. I'M CONCERNED FOR ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19   PROPERTY OWNERS WHO RECEIVE THIS NOTICE, AS I DO, BECAUSE IT  
20   APPEARS THAT THIS IS A GOVERNMENT PROCESS WHEREBY A PROPERTY  
21   OWNER IS DETERMINED TO BE GUILTY OF HARBORING A NUISANCE WELL  
22   BEFORE THERE IS EVIDENCE GATHERED TO SUPPORT THAT SUCH A  
23   NUISANCE ACTUALLY EXISTS. IN MY CASE, MY PROPERTY'S INSPECTION  
24   PERIOD IS ADVERTISED AS MAY 1, 2015. A VOTE TODAY BY YOUR  
25   DISTINGUISHED BOARD IS A VOTE THAT MY PROPERTY AND EVERY OTHER

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1 OF THE 28,213 PROPERTIES THAT RECEIVE THE ANNUAL WEED  
2 ABATEMENT NOTICE IS AND HAS BEEN ALREADY DEEMED A PUBLIC  
3 NUISANCE AND SUBJECT TO BEING CITED AT ANY TIME BY THE LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CLEARING BY THE COUNTY  
5 AGRICULTURAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT. IT TAKES JUST A  
6 SIMPLE LETTER VIA REGULAR MAIL FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE  
7 DEPARTMENT TO DECLARE A PRIVATE PROPERTY A MENACE TO PUBLIC  
8 SAFETY AND BE DEEMED A VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
9 HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES. THE CUTTING DOWN OF MANICURED GREEN  
10 AND IRRIGATED PLANTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED  
11 UNDER THIS COUNTY PROGRAM AT THE PROPERTY OWNER'S EXPENSE AND  
12 AT THE INSTIGATION OF A NEIGHBOR. IN HAS HAPPENED TO ME AND  
13 IT'S CAUSING ME TREMENDOUS STRESS. I URGE YOU TO CONSIDER THIS  
14 MATTER CAREFULLY. IN DISTINGUISHING EACH OF THE 28,214  
15 PROPERTIES AS PUBLIC NUISANCES AHEAD OF ANY INSPECTION OF  
16 THESE PROPERTIES, IS THIS REALLY AN EQUITABLE FINDING?  
17 ALTHOUGH THE TERMINOLOGY STATES "BRUSH CLEARANCE" IN THE POST  
18 CARD THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS THE POWER THROUGH THIS PROGRAM  
19 TO CUT DOWN, MODIFY AND/OR CLEAR PRIVATE VEGETATION. THIS CAN  
20 APPLY TO ANY PLANT, ANY TIME, ANYWHERE ON ANY OF THE THOUSANDS  
21 OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE, WE BELIEVE.  
22 ALTHOUGH USING THE TERMS "DANGEROUS OR NOXIOUS WEEDS, RUBBISH  
23 AND REFUSE" THE ACTUAL POWERS TO CLEAR A HOMEOWNER'S  
24 MAINTAINED LANDSCAPING ARE FAR GREATER THAN THESE TERMS IMPLY.  
25 I HAVE BEEN A RECIPIENT OF THE WRATH OF THIS PROGRAM, USED TO

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1 LOWER THE HEIGHT OF MY GREEN AND IRRIGATED PRIVACY SCREENING  
2 THAT IS NOT NEAR A CHIMNEY OR SPARK ARRESTER. I ASK THAT MY  
3 PROPERTY LOCATED 27326 SUNNY RIDGE ROAD, PALOS VERDES  
4 PENINSULA, CALIFORNIA, PLEASE BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF  
5 PROPERTIES THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING TODAY TO DESIGNATE AS A  
6 PUBLIC NUISANCE. THANK YOU. [SIGNED] KENNETH EVANS.

7

8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, ALSO, I RECEIVED TWO OF THESE NOTICES UP  
9 IN YOUR DISTRICT. THEN WE HAD A HUGE FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY  
10 THE D.W.P. IN THEIR RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE. WHAT  
11 WASN'T REPORTED, WHICH I CAME UP HERE AND MENTIONED BEFORE WAS  
12 THAT IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SEVERE  
13 LANDSLIDES. THAT WAS BECAUSE OF THE BURN AREAS NOT HAVING  
14 VEGETATION. ON ONE OF MY PROPERTIES IT RESULTED IN THE  
15 COMPLETE LOSS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WATER SYSTEM. THERE  
16 WERE NUMEROUS TREES THAT WERE BURNT AND THOSE TREES NOW ARE  
17 STARTING TO REGENERATE. AND THEY CAN REGENERATE ON DEAD  
18 BRANCHES IN A MATTER OF MONTHS. AND A NUMBER OF THOSE DEAD  
19 BRANCHES HAVE NOW STARTED TO SPROUT. THE NOTICES CALLED FOR  
20 MANDATORY CUTTING OF THE TREES TO CERTAIN HEIGHTS AND OTHER  
21 STANDARDS THAT ARE INAPPLICABLE TO A SITUATION SUCH AS A FIRE  
22 DESTRUCTION AREA. SO IN THE AREAS THAT WERE BURNED BY THE  
23 D.W.P. STATION POWERHOUSE FIRE AND THE STATION FIRE, THOSE  
24 NOTICES I REQUEST BE VACATED FOR THIS YEAR SO THAT THE  
25 PROPERTY OWNERS CAN PROPERLY DO WEED ABATEMENT AND TREE

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1 TRIMMING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GOAL OF GETTING THESE TREES  
2 AND THESE SHRUBS TO REJUVENATE THEMSELVES THROUGH THE PROCESS  
3 UPON WHICH THEY ARE. AND THIS COULD TAKE ANOTHER THREE, FOUR  
4 YEARS. BUT ON THE NOTICES THAT I RECEIVED, I HAD A CHOICE OF  
5 GOING ON A THURSDAY TO PALMDALE OR ALL THE WAY TO AZUSA AT  
6 9:30 IN THE MORNING. THERE'S NO DAMN WAY YOU CAN MAKE A  
7 HEARING FOR THAT. SO EVERYBODY GOT THOSE NOTED IT IS. AND THEY  
8 WERE COMPLETELY SHELLACKED OUT OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
9 MEANINGFULLY PROTEST IT. SO I URGE THAT THOSE NOTICES BE  
10 VACATED AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS ALLOWED TO DO WHAT WE'RE  
11 DOING: REBUILD. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO COMMENT  
14 ON TESTIMONY.

15

16 **DARYL OSBY:** HONORABLE BOARD, DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF OF THE  
17 L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. WITH ME IS OUR FORESTER, CHIEF  
18 JOHNSON. I'LL JUST GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW AND THEN I'LL ALLOW  
19 CHIEF JOHNSON TO SPEAK TO THE SPECIFICS. AS YOU KNOW, EACH  
20 YEAR THE BOARD AS OUR GOVERNING BODY, WE SEND OUT THE BRUSH  
21 DECLARATIONS TO OUR CITIZENS IN ADVANCE TO ADVISE THEM OF THE  
22 IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PROPER BRUSH CLEARANCE AND AFTER THAT WE  
23 HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND THEN WE SEND INFORMATION OUT TO OUR  
24 CITIZENS IN RELATION TO OUR TIMEFRAMES. OUR FIREFIGHTERS  
25 ENFORCERS GO THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THE DESIGNATED RESIDENTS



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1 THAT ARE IDENTIFIED THROUGH MAPS THROUGH OUR ANNUAL  
2 INSPECTIONS. FOR THE MOST PART WE GET COMPLETE COOPERATION.  
3 HOWEVER WE DO HAVE FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL  
4 PROPER BRUSH CLEARANCE AND ORNAMENTAL VIEWS ARE CLEARED  
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY INCLUDING THE BURN AREAS, THE STATION  
6 FIRE BECAUSE THE FACT OF THE MATTER THAT AREA BURNED OVER SIX,  
7 SEVEN YEARS AGO. SO IT'S IMPORTANT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE TO  
8 ENSURE THE PHYSICAL SPACE IN THE EVENT OF AN UNFORTUNATE  
9 WILDFIRE AND OUR INTERFACE AREAS THAT WE HAVE THE PROPER SPACE  
10 FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HOME, THE HOMEOWNERS, THEIR  
11 PROPERTY, THEIR LIVES AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR PERSONNEL. AS  
12 IT RELATES TO THE SPECIFICS, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO CHIEF  
13 JOHNSON TO GIVE YOU FURTHER DETAIL AND THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT  
14 WAS JUST SAID.

15

16 **KEVIN JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. KEVIN JOHNSON. ACTING CHIEF OF THE  
17 FOREST DIVISION, L.A. COUNTY FIRE. THE CHIEF'S RIGHT.  
18 BEGINNING IN JANUARY, THERE IS A RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD  
19 THAT ASKED YOU TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE DECLARATION LIST  
20 FOR ALL THE PROPERTIES THAT ARE DEEMED A HAZARD OR HAVE  
21 HAZARDOUS BRUSH NEAR THEIR HOUSE. AFTER THAT, WE MAIL OUT A  
22 DECLARATION CARD TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON THAT'S ON THE FIRE  
23 DEPARTMENT LIST. AND EXPLAINS TO THEM WHAT WE EXPECT, THE  
24 GENERAL STANDARDS, AND THE TIMEFRAMES THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO  
25 INSPECTIONS. SOON AFTER THAT, OUR INSPECTION DATES GENERALLY

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1    START ANTELOPE VALLEY ON APRIL 1ST. IN THE INLAND AREAS ON MAY  
2    1ST THE AND CLOSER AREAS JUNE 1ST. STATION PERSONNEL, WE HAVE  
3    OVER 40,000 OF THESE INSPECTIONS. SO STATION PERSONNEL ARE OUT  
4    THERE AFTER THOSE DATES. AND INSPECT ALL THESE PROPERTIES. FOR  
5    THOSE HOMEOWNERS THAT FAIL THE INSPECTION, WE LEAVE AN  
6    INSPECTION REPORT THAT NOT ONLY OUTLINES THE CODE VIOLATIONS  
7    BUT SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO MEET THE STANDARDS. THEY'RE  
8    GIVEN 30 DAYS TO COMPLY. AND AFTER THAT, THE STATION PERSONNEL  
9    WILL GO BACK OUT AND REINSPECT. AT THAT POINT, IF THEY'RE  
10    STILL NOT COMPLIANT, THEN IT IS FORWARDED, THEN, OVER TO OUR  
11    BRUSH CLEARANCE UNIT. AND AT THAT POINT, WE GO OUT AND MAKE  
12    SURE THAT THE SITUATION IS LEGITIMATE AND THEN WORK WITH THE  
13    HOMEOWNER TO BRING THEM IN COMPLIANCE. THERE ARE TIMEFRAMES  
14    THOUGH, AND DEPENDING UPON THE SITUATION, AT SOME POINT THEY  
15    HAVE TO COMPLY. SO FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO COMPLY, WE  
16    DO SEND IN COUNTY CREWS AND CLEAR THE PROPERTY, GET IT FIRE-  
17    SAFE AND THOSE CHARGES, THEN ARE PUT ON THE PROPERTY TAX. AND  
18    THAT THEN GOES BEFORE THE BOARD IN JULY. SO IN A NUTSHELL,  
19    THAT'S KIND OF OUR PROGRAM.

20

21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE AND  
22    SUPERVISOR SOLIS SECONDS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM  
23    NO. 3?

24

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1   **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 2, MR. MAYOR,  
2   THIS IS A HEARING ON PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTIONS OF THE OLD  
3   ROAD AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY  
4   OF STEVENSON RANCH. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT ON THIS  
5   ITEM AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND WE DO HAVE A  
6   COUPLE OF SPEAKERS, AS WELL.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR. NO. 2.

9

10   **JAIME SUAREZ:** JAIME SUAREZ, AND I'M A CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE  
11   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I HAVE INVESTIGATED THE PROPOSED  
12   VACATION OF PORTIONS OF OLD ROAD AND MAGIC MOUNTAIN PARKWAY IN  
13   THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF STEVENSON RANCH. IN MY  
14   OPINION, THE INVOLVED PORTIONS OF THE OLD ROAD ARE UNNECESSARY  
15   FOR PRESENT OR PROSPECTIVE PUBLIC USE AND ARE NOT USEFUL FOR  
16   NONMOTORIZED FACILITIES. EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY FOR  
17   UTILITY PURPOSES WILL BE RESERVED IN THE INVOLVED AREA IN  
18   FAVOR OF VALENCIA WATER COMPANY, PACIFIC PIPELINE SYSTEM,  
19   EXXON MOBIL PIPELINE, TIME WARNER CABLE, THE GAS COMPANY,  
20   SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE  
21   COMPANY, DOING BUSINESS AS AT&T CALIFORNIA, CASTAIC LAKE WATER  
22   AGENCY, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, THE LOS  
23   ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS, AND THE COUNTY OF LOS  
24   ANGELES. IN MY OPINION, THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

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1 REQUIRE THE RESERVATION OF THESE EASEMENTS. WE ARE AWARE OF NO  
2 WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSED VACATION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. LYNNE  
5 PLAMBECK? ARNOLD SACHS. WAYNE SPINDLER.

6

7 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR  
8 PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT  
9 YOU KNEW, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THAT THIS AREA WAS FORMER  
10 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF VALLEY  
11 OAKS ON IT. AND I KNOW YOU CARE A LOT ABOUT THAT AREA. SO I  
12 WASN'T SURE WHETHER IT WAS BEING VACATED AND THEN IT COULD BE  
13 BUILT ON, IF IT WAS GOING TO BE REZONED? BUT THE OAKS SHOULD  
14 STILL BE PROTECTED. AND THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ANY OAKS. AND  
15 YOU LOOK AT A MAP LIKE THAT, IT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING. BUT THERE  
16 ARE VALLEY OAKS ALL OVER IT. SO I MEAN THERE'S PROBABLY OR 30  
17 OR 40 OAKS AND THERE WAS NO MENTION MADE OF THAT. AND NO  
18 MENTION THAT I COULD SEE THAT YOU DID A NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
19 IN 2005, I GUESS. WELL THIS IS THE NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE  
20 HEARING, SO I THINK THE NUMBER OF OAKS AND HOW THOSE RESERVED  
21 EASEMENTS ARE GOING TO AFFECT THOSE OAKS REALLY SHOULD BE  
22 LOOKED AT BEFORE THE COUNTY VACATES THAT PROPERTY. AND AFTER  
23 THE FIASCO WE'VE JUST HAD WITH THE INJECTION WELL, YOU MAY  
24 HAVE THE SAME SORT OF THING, BECAUSE THAT AREA IS ALL-- IT'S

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1 VERY BEAUTIFUL RIGHT NOW. AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF THAT  
2 AT ALL IN THE APPROVAL.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL ADD THAT, LYNN. MR. SACHS.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD  
7 SACHS. AND ALTHOUGH I'M NOT REALLY-- MY CONCERN, ACTUALLY, IS  
8 DEALING WITH THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK  
9 AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THIS RECORD WITH THEM  
10 BECAUSE I REFER BACK, AS USUAL, TO A RECORD THAT WAS RECORDED  
11 WITH THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DEALING WITH THE GOLD LINE  
12 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. AND THIS ONE IS FROM JUNE 17, 2014. AS  
13 A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS A HEARING AT THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS REGARDING A PRIVATE GRADE CROSSING AGREEMENT  
15 BETWEEN THE METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION  
16 AUTHORITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ONLY IT MENTIONS THAT  
17 THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY IS A  
18 TRUSTEE OF THE BLUE LINE, PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE  
19 GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE PROPERTY TRUST WHICH WASN'T A GOVERNMENT  
20 AGENCY AT ALL. I BELIEVE IT WAS THE PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE  
21 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY THAT WAS CREATED IN 1999. BUT THAT GOES  
22 TO TALK ABOUT THE AGREEMENT THAT THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION  
23 AUTHORITY MADE WITH THE CITY OF GLENDORA, WHICH WAS FILED WITH  
24 THE COUNTY REGISTER'S OFFICE BACK IN I BELIEVE 2008. SO MY  
25 QUESTION WOULD BE FILING THESE DOCUMENTS, I MEAN YOU MADE UP

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1 THIS TRUSTEE, OR THIS TRUST TO SIPHON MONEY OUT OF THE  
2 PASADENA METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, AND YET YOU  
3 FILE THESE DOCUMENTS AT THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AS IF  
4 THEY WERE LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR THIS PROPERTY IN GLENDORA. SO,  
5 THE LEGAL STANDING AND WHAT GOES ON WITH THE COUNTY  
6 REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AND WHAT GOES ON WITH THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS-- EXCUSE ME WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
8 AUTHORITY AND HOW THEY MANIPULATE THESE FILING OF DOCUMENTS,  
9 PLEASE EXPLAIN THAT. THAT WOULD REALLY BE INTERESTING. AND  
10 THEN I COULD STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION  
11 AUTHORITY. OR WHATEVER IT IS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SPINDLER.

14

15 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THE COMMENTS MADE ABOUT THE TREES AS WELL  
16 MENTIONED THAT'S SOMETHING I LOOK AT BECAUSE I DRIVE BY THIS  
17 PROPERTY SEVERAL TIMES. AND IT'S JUST AMAZING BECAUSE THE OLD  
18 ROAD IS USED QUITE OFTEN. BUT ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S NEAR MAGIC  
19 MOUNTAIN PARKWAY, SO NOW IT'S UNNECESSARY AND IT HAS TO BE  
20 VACATED FOR THESE SEWERS AND APPURTENANCES AND ALL THESE  
21 DIFFERENT THINGS BUT WHAT IT DOESN'T CONTAIN IS THE NATURAL  
22 LOOK OF THE TREES AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE ARE GOING TO BE  
23 PRESERVED. THAT SHOULD BE IN THE RECORDED DOCUMENT. THAT  
24 ANYTHING DONE THE CURRENT LOOK OF THE AREA WHICH IS BLOOMING  
25 RIGHT NOW AND VERY WELL SINCE THE RAINS ESPECIALLY, THAT THE

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1 NATURAL LOOK OF THE AREA BE PRESERVED AS IT IS NOW. BECAUSE  
2 WHEN THEY START DIGGING, THEY DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS. THEY  
3 JUST GO AHEAD AND TEAR EVERYTHING UP. SO IF THEY'RE GOING TO  
4 DO THESE THINGS, DO THESE THINGS IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT  
5 DISTURB THE LOOK OF THE RUSTIC LOOK OF THIS AREA, BECAUSE  
6 THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT RIGHT NOW TEARING EVERYTHING  
7 UP IN THIS WORLD TODAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED TO  
10 ENSURE THAT ANY IMPACTS TO OAK TREES REQUIRE AN OAK TREE  
11 PERMIT AND THAT OUR OFFICE IS NOTIFIED OF ANY PLANNED  
12 REMOVALS. I'LL MOVE THAT. SECONDED WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, MISS KUEHL, SO ORDERED. NO. 3?

14

15 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 3, THIS IS THE  
16 HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF PROJECT NO. R2014-00893-5 LOCATED AT  
17 40360 170TH STREET EAST IN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LAKE  
18 LOS ANGELES WITHIN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY EAST ZONE DISTRICT TO  
19 AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF BEER, WINE, DISTILLED SPIRITS FOR  
20 OFFSITE CONSUMPTION FOR A NEW MARKET GROCERY STORE APPLIED FOR  
21 BY DOLGEN CALIFORNIA L.L.C. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT  
22 ON THIS MATTER, CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

23

24 **ANTHONY KERSEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND HONORABLE  
25 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANTHONY KERSEY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING. THE MATTER BEFORE YOU NOW IS AN APPEAL OF A  
2 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OFFSITE ALCOHOL SALES IN A NEW  
3 DOLLAR GENERAL GROCERY STORE IN LAKE LOS ANGELES IN THE  
4 NORTHEAST ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE DOLLAR GENERAL WAS APPROVED  
5 WITH A MINISTERIAL PLOT PLAN IN 2013 AND CONSISTS OF A  
6 BUILDING WITH A SALES FLOOR AREA OF 9600 SQUARE FEET. ON  
7 OCTOBER 15, 2014, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A  
8 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON A 5-0 VOTE AT THE SUBJECT SITE FOR A  
9 FULL LINE SALE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE. THE PROJECT WAS  
10 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
11 ACT. THE COMMUNITY WAS PROPERLY NOTIFIED OF THE REQUEST. AS  
12 THERE IS ONE OTHER LOCATION LEGALLY SELLING ALCOHOLIC  
13 BEVERAGES WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE PROJECT SITE, STAFF HAS  
14 INCLUDED A CONDITION IN THE GRANT LIMITING ALCOHOL SALES TO A  
15 MAXIMUM OF 5 PERCENT OF SHELF SPACE IN THE DOLLAR GENERAL. THE  
16 PROJECT SITE IS ADEQUATELY BUFFERED FROM SURROUNDING LAND USES  
17 BY STREETS, PARKING LOTS AND VACANT LAND. IT IS AN APPROPRIATE  
18 LOCATION FOR ALCOHOL SALES BY BEING LOCATED IN A NEW GROCERY  
19 STORE ON A COMMERCIAL ZONED PROPERTY. AS STAFF BELIEVES THE  
20 REQUEST TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFFSITE SALES HAS MET  
21 THE BURDENS OF PROOF FOR A C.U.P. AND FOR ALCOHOL SALES, STAFF  
22 RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND REAFFIRM THE  
23 DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE  
24 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A 10-YEAR GRANT TERM. THIS  
25 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

3 JENNIFER ODEN, AHMAD ALFAR. JOSHUA KAPLAN. GEORGINA

4 BUENROSTRO. YES, SIR.

5

6 **JOSHUA KAPLAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M JOSHUA KAPLAN. IT'S NOT IN  
7 ORDER, THOUGH?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, IT'S NOT IN ORDER.

10

11 **JOSHUA KAPLAN:** I REPRESENT MICHAEL JOHNSON, WHO IS THE  
12 APPELLANT. LET ME FIRST CORRECT WHAT HAS BEEN SAID. THERE ARE  
13 ACTUALLY THREE ALCOHOL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE WITHIN 500  
14 FEET. ONE IS LOS CHILE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT, ONE IS OH SO NEAT  
15 MARKET, ONE IS SADDLEBACK MARKET WHICH IS 16 FEET AWAY RIGHT  
16 ACROSS THE STREET. WHAT WE'VE PROVIDED YOU WITH ARE A SERIES  
17 OF DECLARATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND FROM THE LOCAL  
18 CHURCHES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, TWO CHURCHES ARE WITHIN  
19 APPROXIMATELY 450 FEET. THE PASTORS OF THE CHURCHES HAVE GIVEN  
20 YOU DECLARATIONS OPPOSED. THE PARISHIONERS HAD GIVEN YOU  
21 DECLARATIONS OPPOSED. AND THEY BELIEVE THAT ANOTHER ALCOHOL  
22 ESTABLISHMENT WHERE IT IS ALREADY OVERSATURATED IN AN  
23 ADMITTEDLY HIGH CRIME AREA WILL ADVERSELY IMPACT THEIR WORSHIP  
24 AND THEIR CHURCHES. SO YOU HAVE, WILL IT ADVERSELY AFFECT  
25 PLACES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WITHIN 600 FEET? THE PARISHIONERS

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1 AND THE PASTORS SAY IT WILL, AND THERE ARE TWO CHURCHES, ONE  
2 WITHIN 371 FEET, ONE 500 FEET AWAY. IS IT A HIGH CRIME AREA?  
3 YES, IT IS. A.B.C. STATISTICS WHICH ARE NOT CONTROVERTED TO  
4 SAY THAT IT IS, THERE IS A CLUSTER OF ALCOHOL ESTABLISHMENTS  
5 WHICH ALREADY SERVE THE COMMUNITY, OVERSERVE THE COMMUNITY.  
6 THE QUESTION IS: WILL IT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE  
7 COMMUNITY? THERE ARE 25, APPROXIMATELY 25 DECLARATIONS FROM  
8 THE COMMUNITY SAYING IT WILL. IN FACT, SINCE JANUARY, WE ARE  
9 ADVISED THAT THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN TWO ROBBERIES AT THE  
10 DOLLAR GENERAL STORE. AND IT DOES NOT EVEN HAVE ALCOHOL YET.  
11 WILL THAT CONSTITUTE A MENACE TO THE COMMUNITY? IT ALREADY IS.  
12 THERE IS NOTHING THAT DOLLAR GENERAL CAN OFFER THE COMMUNITY  
13 THAT IS NOT ALREADY THERE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE HAVE A  
14 PRICE COMPARISON AND A SHOP COMPARISON BETWEEN THAT AND  
15 SADDLEBACK. SADDLEBACK HAS A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF PRODUCTS THAN  
16 DOLLAR GENERAL DOES. FOR REGIONAL PLANNING TO SAY, I STOP. I  
17 SEE THE SIGN.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL JOHNSON? STEVE  
20 RAWLINGS. ARNOLD SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **GEORGINA BUENROSTRO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GEORGINA  
23 BUENROSTRO AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LAKE LOS ANGELES. MY HUSBAND  
24 AND I ALONG WITH OUR DAUGHTERS BOUGHT OUR HOME IN THE HEART OF  
25 LAKE LOS ANGELES. IN THE RECENT MONTHS, I HAVE BECOME

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1 CONCERNED THAT THIS DOLLAR GENERAL ALCOHOL LICENSE IS  
2 APPROVED, THEN THE CORE OF LAKE L.A. BETWEEN 170TH STREET EAST  
3 AND AVENUE O WILL TURN INTO THE LIQUOR CENTRAL. ALCOHOL IS A  
4 PROBLEM IN OUR COMMUNITY. LESS THAN 40 FEET FROM THE DOLLAR  
5 GENERATION LOCATION IS A LOCAL LIQUOR STORE. HERE IS WHERE I  
6 HAVE SEEN PEOPLE VOMITING IN THE PARKING LOT, URINATING IN THE  
7 STREET AND EVEN DRUNKS FIGHTING OUTSIDE OF THE STORE. IN  
8 ADDITION, OUR LOCAL LIBRARY, COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND LOCAL  
9 HARDWARE STORES HAVE SUFFERED VANDALISM ON THE BUILDING WALLS  
10 AND SIGNAGES. I WORRY THAT THE ADDITION OF THE DOLLAR  
11 GENERAL'S ALCOHOL LICENSE WILL INCREASE LOITERING AND CRIME  
12 AROUND OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS. JUST A  
13 MONTH AGO ON FEBRUARY 28, 2015, OUR COMMUNITY WAS SHAKEN UP BY  
14 AN INCIDENT INVOLVING ROBBERY THAT CAME TO A HALT AT THE  
15 DOLLAR GENERAL LOCATION SPOKEN OF. THE ASSAILANT ENDED UP  
16 GETTING TASERED BY LOCAL POLICE AND ARRESTED ON THE PREMISES.  
17 THIS HAS BEEN THE SECOND SUCH INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED AT THE  
18 DOLLAR GENERAL SINCE THEY OPENED THEIR DOORS. THE AMOUNT OF  
19 ACTIVELY OPERATING ALCOHOL LICENSES IN LAKE LOS ANGELES IS  
20 EXCESSIVE GIVEN THE POPULATION OF 12,000 RESIDENTS. THE FACT  
21 THAT THEY ARE ALL LOCATED LESS THAN 100-YARD RADIUS FROM EACH  
22 OTHER IS EVEN WORSE. THIS IS HAVING SPILLOVER EFFECTS IN OUR  
23 NEIGHBORHOOD AND IS DETRIMENTAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY. AS A  
24 RESIDENT OF LAKE LOS ANGELES, I DO NOT SUPPORT THE DOLLAR  
25 GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE. IT COMPLETELY COUNTERS THE COMMUNITY'S

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1 EFFORT TO CREATE A SAFE, WALKABLE TOWN AND INSTEAD FOSTERS  
2 COMMUNITY STAGNATION AND DECLINE IN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. I  
3 COME HERE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE STOP SATURATING OUR TOWN WITH  
4 BEER AND LIQUOR AND DO NOT APPROVE THIS LIQUOR LICENSE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP WAYNE SPINDLER.  
7 DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE.

8

9 **MICHAEL JOHNSON:** HI, MY NAME IS MIKE JOHNSON. DO YOU KNOW  
10 WHAT? WE REALLY DON'T NEED ANY MORE ALCOHOL PROBLEMS OUT THERE  
11 IN LAKE LOS ANGELES. I WELCOME THE DOLLAR GENERAL AND  
12 EVERYTHING ABOUT IT'S GREAT AND EVERYTHING: EXCEPT FOR THE  
13 ALCOHOL. I'VE WATCHED IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY, THEY HAD A  
14 BUNCH OF PEOPLE OUT THERE DRINKING THE OTHER DAY. WE DON'T  
15 NEED ANY MORE OF THAT. IT'S KIND OF A WESTERN KIND OF  
16 COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW. WE DON'T NEED THE PROBLEMS UP THERE.  
17 PLUS, I BELIEVE IT'S BREAKING THE LAW HAVING IT WITHIN 600  
18 FEET OF THE CHURCH, SELLING THE ALCOHOL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES. MA'AM.

21

22 **JENNIFER ODEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF  
23 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JENNIFER ODEN. I'M WITH THE LAW OFFICES  
24 OF SOLOMON, SALZMAN AND JAMISON. MY OFFICE REPRESENTS DOLLAR  
25 GENERAL. WE ASK THAT THIS BOARD APPROVE OR RATHER AFFIRM THE

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1 DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT WAS MADE ON OCTOBER  
2 15, 2014 WHICH DID APPROVE THE OFFSITE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND  
3 DISTILLED SPIRITS FOR THIS DOLLAR GENERAL LOCATION. AT THE  
4 OCTOBER 15, 2014 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING THERE WERE ONLY  
5 TWO MEMBERS THAT DID SPEAK IN OPPOSITION AT THAT TIME. BOTH  
6 AGAIN ARE PRESENT HERE TODAY, MISS BELMONTE AND MR. JOHNSON.  
7 THERE WAS THEN AN APPEAL PERIOD THAT ENDED ON OCTOBER 29,  
8 2014. DURING THE APPEAL PERIOD, THERE WAS ONLY ONE TIMELY  
9 APPEAL. THAT WAS OUT OF MISS BELMONTE WHICH SHE REITERATED THE  
10 SAME CONCERNS THAT YOU HEARD HERE TODAY AND THAT SHE ALSO  
11 STATED ON OCTOBER 15, 2014 BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
12 THERE WAS THEN A BRIEF SUBMITTED BY MR. JOHNSON'S ATTORNEY,  
13 MR. KAPLAN, ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 10, 2015 THAT IS IN REGARDS  
14 TO MR. JOHNSON'S APPEAL. HOWEVER, I'D LIKE THIS BOARD TO NOTE  
15 THAT THERE WAS NO ACTUAL TIMELY APPEAL BY MR. JOHNSON AS THIS  
16 BRIEF WAS SUBMITTED APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE APPEAL  
17 PERIOD HAD COME AND GONE. AND NOR WAS IT SUBMITTED ON THE  
18 PRESCRIBED FORM OR WITH THE PROPER FEES. IN ADDITION, IN THIS  
19 BRIEF, ARGUMENTS ARE MADE REGARDING THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND  
20 NECESSITY DETERMINATION AND THE ALCOHOL AND THE PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION REGARDING THE C.U.P. THESE  
22 ARGUMENTS, NEARLY IDENTICAL ARGUMENTS, HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MADE  
23 TO THE CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL. AND THE CALIFORNIA COURT OF  
24 APPEAL HAS REJECTED THOSE ARGUMENTS. WITH THAT, DOLLAR GENERAL  
25 CONTENTS THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION ACTED THOROUGHLY AND

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1 REASONABLY IN DETERMINING THE C.U.P. SHOULD ISSUE FOR THE SALE  
2 OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND IN FINDING THAT THE PUBLIC  
3 CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY WAS SERVED AT THIS LOCATION. DOLLAR  
4 GENERAL RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
5 AFFIRM THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND  
6 APPROVE THE PROJECT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

9

10 **STEVEN RAWLINGS:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY  
11 NAME STEVE RAWLINGS. I WORK AS A CONSULTANT FOR DOLLAR GENERAL  
12 STORES, ASSISTING THEM WITH PERMITS AND LICENSES NECESSARY TO  
13 SELL ALCOHOL IN THEIR STORES HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  
14 DOLLAR GENERAL STORES OPERATES OVER 11,000 STORES NATIONALLY.  
15 IF YOU WENT TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, YOU'D SEE A LOT OF  
16 DOLLAR GENERAL STORES. ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO THEY BEGAN  
17 OPENING STORES HERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IN THIS PAST  
18 YEAR, WE OPENED TWO STORES OUT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, ONE IN  
19 LITTLEROCK AND ONE IN LAKE LOS ANGELES. WE WENT THROUGH THE  
20 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS AT THAT TIME. WE SHARED WITH  
21 YOUR STAFF AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OUR ALCOHOL SECURITY  
22 PLANS THAT WE USE OPERATIONALLY IN ALL OF OUR STORES. DOLLAR  
23 GENERAL STORES IS A GROCERY AND CONSUMER GOODS STORES. AND THE  
24 INCIDENTAL SALE OF BEER AND WINE AND LIQUOR IS PART OF OUR  
25 STANDARD PRODUCT OFFERING. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH



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1 THE L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THEY PLACED APPROPRIATE  
2 CONDITIONS ONTO THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. WE DID AGREE TO  
3 ALL OF THOSE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL WITH THE PLANNING  
4 COMMISSION. AND, AGAIN, I'M URGING YOU TO UPHOLD THE APPEAL--  
5 OR UPHOLD THE FINDINGS OF THE PLANNING AND ACTIONS OF THE  
6 PLANNING COMMISSION AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY COMMENTS OR  
7 QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS?

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
12 AND I DON'T HAVE A REAL HORSE IN THIS RACE, BUT I'M JUST  
13 CURIOUS TO KNOW. WE HEARD FROM YOUR PERSON ON THE PLANNING  
14 COMMISSION THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT  
15 OF THE AREA FOR SHELVING SPACE, WHICH I BELIEVE WE SAID WAS  
16 ABOUT 9800 SQUARE FEET. SO THAT'S ABOUT ALMOST 500 SQUARE FEET  
17 OF SHELVING FOR ALCOHOL AND LIQUOR AND DISTILLED-- BEER, WINE  
18 AND DISTILLED SPIRITS. THAT'S QUITE A LOT OF SPACE. BUT I GET  
19 A SENSE WHEN YOU LISTEN TO SOMEBODY SAYING I'M GOING TO THE  
20 DOLLAR GENERAL STORE, THAT IT OFFERS AN ASSORTMENT OF LOW-COST  
21 ITEMS FOR SALE, NOT SOMETHING THAT WOULD COST \$5 OR \$10, \$15,  
22 \$20 FOR SOME DISTILLED SPIRITS. SO MY SENSE OF BEING IS THAT  
23 PEOPLE WITH FAMILIES OF MAYBE LOWER INCOME FAMILIES WOULD COME  
24 TO THIS STORE AND SHOP AND YOU WOULD BE INTRODUCING CHILDREN  
25 TO ALCOHOLIC SALES AND PEOPLE WHO ARE BUYING ALCOHOL. THE

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1 MENTION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY, REALLY THAT  
2 APPLIES ONLY IF THERE'S NO OTHER FACILITY IN THE AREA THAT CAN  
3 PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. AND YET PEOPLE HAVE TESTIFIED THAT  
4 THERE ARE OTHER FACILITIES IN THE AREA THAT DO PROVIDE THE  
5 SALE OF BEER, WINE AND DISTILLED SPIRITS. SO THAT'S A SLIPPERY  
6 SLOPE TO BE ON, WHEN PEOPLE QUOTE THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR  
7 NECESSITY PART OF LEGISLATURE BECAUSE THAT IS A LOOPHOLE WITH  
8 MORE LOOPHOLES IN IT. BUT, AGAIN, IT'S MY SENSE OF WHAT THE  
9 DOLLAR GENERAL STORE AND PEOPLE'S IDEA OF WHAT THAT WOULD BE  
10 AND THE TYPE OF CUSTOMER WOULD BRING IN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SPINDLER?

13

14 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. I DROVE BY. I WAS ON PROBE LAST TIME I  
15 SAW ONE OF THE NEW DOLLAR GENERAL STORES. I DIDN'T KNOW THEY  
16 SOLD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR WHAT WE CALL BOOZE, WHICH IS THE  
17 DISTILLED SPIRITS. IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE IF THEY WERE TO WIN  
18 THIS APPROVAL AND THEY WOULD ADD ANOTHER COUPLE OF THOUSAND  
19 SQUARE FEET TO THEIR STORE BECAUSE THEN THAT WOULD BE 5  
20 PERCENT OF THAT. THAT'S THE WAY THE GAME'S PLAYED, SEE. THEY  
21 BRING THE STORE INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THEY'RE NEW. THEY'RE  
22 VERY NICE LOOKING STORES. BUT THEN THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S  
23 CLOTHING REALLY STARTS TO COME OUT, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GO  
24 INTO THIS AREA TO LIQUOR IT UP. AND THAT'S WHY THE LOCAL  
25 RESIDENTS ARE SO BUZZED. YOU ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY PLACES IN

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1 THESE SMALL DESERT COMMUNITIES. THIS IS IN SUPERVISOR DISTRICT  
2 5, AS MANY OF THESE ISSUES HAPPEN TO BE ON THE SCHEDULE TODAY.  
3 SO I'D SAY YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY  
4 THESE CHURCH LEADERS THAT ARE TRYING TO KEEP KIDS OUT OF  
5 GANGS, OFF OF DRUGS AND OFF OF ALCOHOL, WHICH ALCOHOL IS A  
6 LEAD TO CRIME AND EVENTUAL DRUG USE. SO IF THEY DON'T WANT IT,  
7 THEY DON'T HAVE TO HAVE IT. AND AS FAR AS THE STORE COMPETING  
8 WITH OTHER STORES TO SELL GOODS AND SERVICES OF A NONALCOHOLIC  
9 NATURE, THAT'S WONDERFUL. COMPETITION IS GOOD THERE. BUT  
10 YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO GET COMPETITION, YOU WILL JUST GET  
11 A FLOODING OF BOOZE INTO AN AREA OF SUCH A SMALL SPACE IN  
12 RELATIONSHIP, IN JUXTAPOSITION TO THE POPULATION. SO I THINK  
13 ON THIS BASIS, AT THIS TIME YOU SHOULD DECLINE TO GO THIS WAY.  
14 AND THE CLAIM THAT'S GOING ON THERE, ESPECIALLY THE ROBBERIES  
15 THAT WERE REPORTED, THAT NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED. NO TO THIS  
16 RIGHT NOW. THAT'S THE BEST POSITION. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND  
19 TO THE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, WE CONSULTED WITH THE SHERIFF'S  
22 DEPARTMENT ON THIS ISSUE AS WE DO WITH ALL CONDITIONAL USE  
23 PERMITS INVOLVING ALCOHOL. THE SHERIFFS DID NOT OPPOSE THE  
24 ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. IN  
25 FACT THERE WERE 41 CONDITIONS THAT ARE IMPOSED ON THIS PERMIT.

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1 WE ALSO CONSULTED WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AS WE ALWAYS DO.  
2 AND THE TOWN COUNCIL. UNFORTUNATELY THE TOWN COUNCIL IN THIS  
3 PARTICULAR AREA HAS BEEN INACTIVE. WE DID NOT GET A RESPONSE  
4 FROM THAT PARTICULAR TOWN COUNCIL.

5

6 **ANTHONY KERSEY:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, WE ALSO HAVE I THINK IT WAS  
7 MENTIONED EARLIER, A 5 PERCENT LIMITATION ON SHELF SPACE. IF  
8 THE DOLLAR GENERAL WERE TO EXPAND AND REQUEST MORE SHELF  
9 SPACE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO US WITH ANOTHER  
10 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE TOWN  
13 COUNCIL DID SUPPORT IT FROM MY FIELD DEPUTY, THAT THE LAKE LOS  
14 ANGELES TOWN COUNCIL WAS SUPPORTIVE. THAT'S FROM NORM  
15 HINCKLING, MY DEPUTY WHO SERVES THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND WORKS  
16 WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL. IT SUPPORTS THE APPLICANT. AND AS IT  
17 WAS STATED, IT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
18 COMMISSION WHEN THEY HAD THE PUBLIC HEARING AND SUPPORTED BY  
19 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT'S A GROCERY STORE, AND IT'S NOT A  
20 LIQUOR STORE PER SE, IT'S A GROCERY STORE JUST LIKE YOU GO TO.  
21 RICHARD, DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT?

22

23 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** NO ONLY TO REITERATE THAT ONLY 5 PERCENT OF  
24 THE SHELF SPACE WILL BE DEDICATED TO THIS USE. SO IT'S VERY  
25 MINOR PORTION OF THEIR OVERALL BUSINESS, MR. MAYOR.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO BASED ON THAT, I MOVE THAT THE  
3 BOARD DENY THE APPEAL AND DIRECT COUNSEL TO RETURN TO THE  
4 BOARD WITH THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS. SECOND,  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. ITEM  
10 NO. 3-- NUMBER 4.

11

12 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THIS  
13 IS A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
14 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE, TO UPDATE THE EXISTING GENERAL PLAN  
15 ADOPTED IN 1980. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS  
16 MATTER AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

17

18 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I WAS GOING TO SAY GOOD MORNING. GOOD  
19 AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
20 RICHARD BRUCKNER, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
21 PLANNING. I'M JOINED BY CONNIE CHUNG AND MARK CHILDS. TODAY IS  
22 A HISTORIC DAY. YOU WILL BE CONSIDERING THE GENERAL PLAN FOR  
23 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE PLAN HAS BEEN TWO DECADES IN  
24 THE MAKING. AND THIS IS THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE OF THE  
25 PLAN SINCE 1980. THE GENERAL PLAN SERVES AS YOU KNOW THE 2600

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1 MILES OF UNINCORPORATED L.A. COUNTY AND THE MILLION RESIDENTS  
2 WHO RESIDE IN THOSE 2600 SQUARE MILES. THE UNINCORPORATED AREA  
3 OF LOS ANGELES REPRESENTS ONE OF THE MOST VARIED AND COMPLEX  
4 PLANNING AREAS IN THE WORLD. IT INCLUDES URBAN, SUBURBAN AND  
5 RURAL COMMUNITIES, MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS, FORESTS, COASTAL AREAS  
6 AND HIGH DESERTS. THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE EMBRACES THE UNIQUE  
7 CHARACTERISTICS OF THESE SPACES AND REFLECTS THEIR ENVIRONS.  
8 THE PLAN WAS PREPARED IN COOPERATION, IN CLOSE COLLABORATION  
9 WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS FROM THE COUNTY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO  
10 CALL SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THE CLOSE COLLABORATION WE HAD WITH  
11 PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND REC. DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.  
12 THEIR SUPPORT AND INPUT WAS INVALUABLE TO THE PROCESS. WE ALSO  
13 HAD ASSISTING SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY INPUT WHICH WILL BE  
14 OUTLINED BY MISS CHUNG. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT FOR THE  
15 PLANNING COMMISSION, AFTER SEVERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS,  
16 UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED THE PLAN TO YOUR BOARD. COMMISSIONER  
17 PATERSON, WHO WAS HERE EARLIER, UNFORTUNATELY HAD TO LEAVE. HE  
18 HAD A STATEMENT WHICH WE WILL ENTER INTO THE RECORD. LET ME  
19 JUST IS SUMMARIZE THAT BY SAYING THAT IT WAS A FULL AND  
20 INCLUSIVE PROCESS AND HAD THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE  
21 COMMISSION. WITH THOSE BRIEF OPENING REMARKS, I'LL TURN TO  
22 MISS CHUNG FOR MORE DETAIL.

23

24 **CONNIE CHUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
25 MY NAME IS CONNIE CHUNG. I'M SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH

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1 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE GENERAL PLAN IS A  
2 LONG-RANGE PLANNING DOCUMENT THAT CONTAINS POLICY DIRECTION  
3 FOR LAND USE, HOUSING, MOBILITY, AIR QUALITY, CONSERVATION AND  
4 NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS AND RECREATION, SAFETY, NOISE, PUBLIC  
5 SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AND FOR THE  
6 FIRST TIME, THIS UPDATE PROVIDES A COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION  
7 PLAN FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
8 ALSO INCLUDES A ZONING CONSISTENCY EFFORT WHICH INCLUDES  
9 CHANGES TO TITLE 22, THE ZONING CODE AND ZONE CHANGES TO  
10 APPROXIMATELY 4300 PARCELS. I'LL TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO EXPLAIN  
11 THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS. AS OUR DIRECTOR MENTIONED, IT  
12 WAS IN THE WORKS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE HAVE WORKED WITH  
13 HUNDREDS OF STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING PARTNERING WITH LOCAL,  
14 REGIONAL AND STATE AGENCIES. WE REACHED OUT TO THE PUBLIC AT  
15 WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE ALSO  
16 ANNOUNCED OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE BY SENDING POSTCARDS TO  
17 APPROXIMATELY 40,000 HOUSEHOLDS. AND WE USED SOCIAL MEDIA TO  
18 GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. FURTHERMORE,  
19 WE ALSO SENT 8500 COURTESY LETTERS REGARDING THE ZONE CHANGES  
20 THAT ARE BROUGHT BEFORE YOU TODAY. IN FEBRUARY 2014, THE  
21 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BEGAN A SERIES OF TEN PUBLIC  
22 HEARINGS WHICH CONCLUDED IN DECEMBER OF 2014. FROM THESE  
23 HEARINGS, WE RECEIVED 190 COMMENT LETTERS AND TESTIMONY FROM  
24 54 INDIVIDUALS. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD DO THE  
25 FOLLOWING: INDICATE THE INTENT TO CONSIDER THE ATTACHED FINAL



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1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE. FIND  
2 ON THE BASIS OF THE WHOLE RECORD BEFORE THE BOARD THAT THE  
3 SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT AS DESCRIBED IN THE  
4 FINAL E.I.R. HAVE ECONOMIC, LEGAL-- HAVE EITHER BEEN REDUCED  
5 TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OR OUTWEIGHED BY SPECIFIC SOCIAL,  
6 ECONOMIC, LEGAL TECHNOLOGICAL OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TO THE  
7 PROJECT AS STATED IN THE REQUIRED C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT  
8 AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PROJECT.  
9 FIND THAT THE FINAL E.I.R. REFLECTS THE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT  
10 AND ANALYSIS OF THE BOARD. AND INDICATE THE INTENT TO CERTIFY  
11 THE FINAL E.I.R. AND ADOPT THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS OF FACT AND  
12 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND MITIGATION  
13 MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM. STAFF ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT  
14 THE BOARD INDICATE THE INTENT TO APPROVE THE GENERAL PLAN  
15 UPDATE PROJECT 02305 INCLUDING THE GENERAL PLAN, ZONE CHANGES,  
16 AMENDMENTS TO THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES, AMENDMENTS TO THE MIXED  
17 USE ZONE AND ASSOCIATED CHANGES, CREATION OF NEW ZONES, UPDATE  
18 TO THE HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, AND THE COMMUNITY  
19 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
20 COMMISSION AND WITH MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED BY STAFF. IN  
21 ADDITION TO THE MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED IN THE BOARD LETTER,  
22 THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ADD A NONSUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATION TO  
23 THE PROPOSED HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THAT THE  
24 PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL NOT BE  
25 APPLICABLE TO EXISTING USES OPERATING UNDER A VALID USE PERMIT

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1 SUCH AS CEMETERY PERMITS, SURFACE MINING PERMITS AND OTHER  
2 SIMILAR PERMITS. FURTHERMORE THE STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE  
3 BOARD INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINAL  
4 DOCUMENTS FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND BRING THEM BACK TO  
5 THE BOARD FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. AND, FINALLY, STAFF  
6 RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY  
7 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE GENERAL PLAN UPON ADOPTION OF THE  
8 BOARD AND AS EFFECTIVE. THAT CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE QUESTION. IS THE GENERAL PLAN  
11 CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENTLY ADOPTED AREA PLANS, PACIFIC PLANS  
12 AND C.S.D.S?

13

14 **CONNIE CHUNG:** YES, WE HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE TEAMS  
15 THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THESE CONCURRENT EFFORTS TO ENSURE  
16 THAT THEY ARE ALL CONSISTENT. QUESTIONS?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PUBLIC COMMENT? CURT PEDERSON?

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** COMMISSIONER PEDERSON HAD TO LEAVE, MR.  
21 MAYOR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE HAD TO LEAVE. OKAY. GOOD TO SEE HIM  
24 AGAIN. BATTA VUJICIC, ROBERT LUCAS. BILL RATTAZZI. ANN BELLIS.

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1 AND I WILL CALL UP ANN BELLIS. DELORIS GLASS. DELORIS GLASS.

2 AND DAVID FINK. DAVID FINK.

3

4 **BATTA VUJICIC:** HONORABLE MAYOR ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE

5 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME

6 IS BATTA VUJICIC AND I'M HERE TO REQUEST THE EXEMPTION OF THE

7 TWO PROPERTIES THAT OUR FAMILY OWNS IN LAUREL CANYON

8 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS A.P. NUMBER 20581242 AND 20581264.

9 BOTH OF THEM ARE TWO LEGAL PARCELS. THEY BOTH HAVE CERTIFICATE

10 OF COMPLIANCES, UNCONDITIONAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCES, AND

11 BOTH OF THOSE PARCELS ARE SURROUNDED BY THREE CUSTOM ESTATES

12 WHEREIN THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THE FIRE CLEARANCE AND THE

13 FUEL MODIFICATION. SO IN INTEREST OF TIME, I JUST WANTED TO

14 SAY THAT FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANTED TO ASK THIS COUNTY WHAT

15 STUDIES THE COUNTY HAS DONE IN PERFORMING ANALYTICS ON OUR TWO

16 PARCELS THAT WE OWN? AND HOW WOULD THOSE TWO PARCELS BE

17 AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED S.E.A.? I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE

18 STAFF FOR WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THE GENERAL PLAN. I MEANT NOT

19 HERE TO OPPOSE THE GENERAL PLAN BUT MAINLY I'M HERE TO REQUEST

20 CLARIFICATION AND SPECIFIC DESIGNATION ON OUR TWO PARCELS AS

21 FAR AS THE S.E.A. IS CONCERNED. WE DO HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE

22 REGIONAL PLANNING ON BOTH OF THESE TWO LEGAL PARCELS TO

23 DEVELOP IT INTO AGRICULTURAL USE, WHICH IS ORCHARD, OLIVE

24 TREES OR A VINEYARD. AND AS SUCH, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSURED

25 THAT THAT USE WILL BE GRANDFATHERED IN AS A PART OF THIS

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1 ADOPTION THAT WE HAVE TODAY. AND, LAST ITEM IS THAT WE WOULD  
2 LIKE TO BE ASSURED THAT ON EACH ONE OF THOSE TWO 20-ACRE  
3 PARCELS, WHICH ARE LEGAL PARCELS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT  
4 TWO SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES. THANK YOU.

5

6 **MARK CHILDS:** YES, SO THE QUESTION AS I UNDERSTAND IT IS YOU  
7 HAVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE  
8 USE OF A VINEYARD OR SOME AGRICULTURAL USE ON THE PROPERTY.  
9 AND YOU'RE WONDERING HOW THE EFFECTS OR HOW THE S.E.A.  
10 BOUNDARY CHANGES WILL AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY WITH THIS C.U.P.?

11

12 **BATTA VUJICIC:** CORRECT.

13

14 **MARK CHILDS:** YES, THE C.U.P., WHEN A PROPERTY HAS A C.U.P.  
15 THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED, THAT C.U.P. IS WHAT REGULATES THE USE.  
16 THE S.E.A., CHANGE IN THE S.E.A. BOUNDARIES WILL HAVE NO REAL  
17 EFFECT ON YOUR PROPERTY BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE C.U.P. THAT WE  
18 WOULD LOOK TO REGULATE.

19

20 **BATTA VUJICIC:** SO WHAT I'M HEARING, THEN, IS THAT THE CURRENT  
21 APPROVAL THAT WE HAVE-- AND AGAIN I HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE  
22 COUNTY THE LETTERS, ALL THE APPROVALS, THESE TWO LEGAL PARCELS  
23 WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE S.E.A., WE WILL BE GRANDFATHERED  
24 IN, AM I CORRECT?

25

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1    **MARK CHILDS:** YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOULD YOU GIVE THAT TO HIM IN WRITING,  
4    THEN?

5

6    **BATTA VUJICIC:** WOULD I REQUEST THAT BE PUT IN WRITING SO WE  
7    ARE GRANDFATHERED IN PERMANENTLY SO WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY  
8    ABOUT THAT? I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

9

10   **MARK CHILDS:** WE CAN DO THAT.

11

12   **BATTA VUJICIC:** THANK YOU. AND ALSO, IF YOU COULD ADD IT INDEED  
13   ONE OF THOSE TWO PARCELS IS PART OF AGRICULTURAL USE AND WE  
14   WILL BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT SINGLE-FAMILY HOME FOR 20 ACRES.

15

16   **MARK CHILDS:** YES, THAT'S RIGHT. THE EXISTING ORDINANCE WOULD  
17   ALLOW FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

20

21   **BATTA VUJICIC:** THANK YOU. I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
22   AND AGAIN I SALUTE YOU ON THE DILIGENT WORK IN GETTING THIS  
23   GENERAL PLAN TOGETHER.

24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, BATTA. HUGO SUAREZ. YES,  
2    SIR.

3

4    **BILL RATTAZZI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS BILL RATTAZZI. I'M A  
5    SUPERIOR COURT APPOINTED REFEREE IN PETITION FOR THE TEMESCAL  
6    RANCH, WHICH IS A 100 YEAR OLD ABOUT 6200-ACRE WORKING RANCH  
7    IN L.A. COUNTY. I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND AND EXPRESS MY  
8    PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO STAFF AT BOTH REGIONAL PLANNING AND  
9    OTHER GROUPS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S A LONG  
10    PROCESS TO GET A GENERAL PLAN DONE. CERTAINLY I'VE BEEN  
11    WORKING UNDER ONE WITHOUT ONE NOW FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS. SO IT'S  
12    NICE TO SEE, I COMMEND YOU ALL. RICHARD BRUCKNER AND THESE  
13    PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH ME ISSUES  
14    RELATED TO THE RANCH. WE HAVE UNIQUE ISSUES. IT'S A HISTORICAL  
15    USE. IT'S CATTLE RAISING. AND SOME OF THE PORTIONS OF THE  
16    GENERAL PLAN COULD AFFECT PORTIONS OF THAT, AND THAT CONCERNS.  
17    I STILL HAVE SOME BROAD CONCERNS REGARDING TWO ELEMENTS  
18    SPECIFICALLY. ONE IS THE S.E.A., BROADLY APPLIED SIGNIFICANT  
19    ECOLOGICAL AREA MAPS WITHOUT REALLY DRILLING DOWN TO WHAT  
20    THOSE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL RESOURCES MIGHT BE ARE ALWAYS OF  
21    A CONCERN TO ME. THE NEW REQUIREMENTS REQUIRE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON  
22    THIS RANCH THAT IF WE NEED AN OUTBUILDING REPLACED, THAT WE  
23    NEED TO GO TO A C.T.A.C. OR TYPE B HEARING FOR THIS, WHICH IS  
24    QUITE AN EXPENSIVE HEARING PROCESS. AND THIS IS JUST AN  
25    OUTBUILDING. S.E.A.S ARE IMPORTANT TOOLS. I DON'T THINK AS AN

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1    IMPORTANT TOOL THEY SHOULD BE APPLIED SOMETIMES A LITTLE BIT  
2    INDISCRIMINATELY IN THE NAME OF BEING EXPEDIENT. MY SECOND  
3    CONCERN IS HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT. AND JUST QUICKLY BY PRIOR  
4    DEFINITION, ONLY AREAS WITHIN THE PROPERTY WITH SLOPES OF 25  
5    PERCENT WERE REQUIRED TO BE DEVELOPED IN THAT MANNER OR NOT.  
6    NOW IF ANY PART OF A PROPERTY IS-- CONTAINS 25 PERCENT, ALL OF  
7    IT IS GOING TO BE TREATED THAT WAY. THANK YOU.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAVID FINK.

10

11    **DAVID FINK:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID FINK.  
12    I'M THE DIRECTOR OF CAMPAIGNS FOR CLIMATE RESOLVE. WE'RE A  
13    NONPROFIT CLIMATE CHANGE BASED HERE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.  
14    WE'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE COUNTY ON THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE  
15    ACTION PLAN WHICH SETS A CLEAR GOAL OF REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS  
16    EMISSIONS 11 PERCENT BY 2020. OUR STAFF WORKED WITH COUNTY  
17    STAFF AND PROVIDED FEEDBACK LAST YEAR ON THE DRAFT. AND  
18    CLIMATE CHANGE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED ON TWO FRONTS. FIRST WE  
19    NEED TO PREVENT FURTHER CLIMATE CHANGE BY REDUCING GREENHOUSE  
20    GAS EMISSIONS, WHICH THIS PLAN HELPS SET US ON A PATH TOWARDS  
21    DOING COUNTY-WIDE. AND THEN ALSO WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR  
22    CLIMATE IMPACTS, PREPARE FOR WHAT'S TO COME. THE PROJECTIONS  
23    ARE THAT LOS ANGELES IS GOING TO BE 4 TO 5 DEGREES WARMER IN  
24    THE MIDDLE PART OF THIS CENTURY, AND THE NUMBER OF EXTREME  
25    HEAT DAYS, WHICH ARE DAYS OF 95 DEGREES AND ABOVE, WILL DOUBLE



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1 AND IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTY TRIPLE. SO WE WOULD URGE THAT  
2 SIMILAR TO THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, THAT THE COUNTY  
3 DEVELOP A CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN, OR CLIMATE RESILIENCE PLAN.  
4 AND WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THE COUNTY LOOK FURTHER OUT TO  
5 2050 AND LOOK AT GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS TOWARDS 2050.  
6 BUT WE'RE THRILLED THAT THE COUNTY HAS PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER.  
7 WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE  
8 COUNTY ON FURTHER PLANS AND ON IMPLEMENTATION. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. EILEEN CALLAHAN? LYNNE  
12 PLAMBECK.

13

14 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ROBERT LUCAS AGAIN. ANYTHING  
15 THAT'S TAKEN 35 YEARS TO PUT TOGETHER, SOMEBODY'S UTILIZED  
16 GREAT CARE. AND SOME OF THE EVOLUTION OF WHAT WE'VE LEARNED OF  
17 OUR PLANET WHICH I REFER TO AS MOTHER EARTH, RIGHT? I DO KNOW  
18 THAT WHEN WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO MANIPULATE OR DO THINGS THAT  
19 WE SHOULDN'T DO, SHE GETS RATHER PISSED OFF AND SHE REACTS.  
20 AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. SO JUST REMEMBER, THE  
21 GREAT RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU GUYS HAVE INVESTED 35 YEARS IN  
22 TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HOLD DEAR TO MY  
23 HEART BECAUSE MY FEET HAVE BEEN STUCK TO HER SINCE THE DAY I  
24 WAS BORN. AND IT'S VERY VITAL TO MY LIFE. SO FOR THE WORK THAT

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1 THE COUNTY'S PUT IN AND ALL OF THE SACRIFICE AND THE 35 YEARS,  
2 BECAUSE I DON'T EVEN THINK SHE'S THAT OLD, I APPLAUD YOU.

3

4 **HUGO SUAREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HUGO SUAREZ. I WAS IN  
5 FRONT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS. I  
6 OWN SOME PROPERTY IN THE KINNELOA CANYON, KINNELOA MESA AREA.  
7 I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS VERY BRIEF. I HAVE BEEN IN SUPPORT OF  
8 THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND THE RELATED ZONE CHANGES THAT ARE  
9 REQUIRED FOR CONSISTENCY. I DON'T NEED TO GET INTO ANY OF THE  
10 DETAILS, BUT IT AFFECTS THE PROPERTY THAT I OWN. SO IF I NEED  
11 TO, I CAN GET INTO DETAIL, BUT FOR THE MOST PART EVERYTHING IS  
12 GOOD. I THINK THE COUNTY'S DONE A GREAT JOB ON THIS. THANK  
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PATRICIA MCPHERSON. AND YVONNE WATSON.  
16 YES. LYNN?

17

18 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR  
19 PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WE, TOO, COMMENTED ON THIS AND  
20 DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH MISS CHUNGAND WE'RE HERE TO EXPRESS  
21 OUR CONCERN OVER THE ELIMINATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT MONITORING  
22 SYSTEM THAT WAS INSTITUTED AS A RESULT OF A LAWSUIT IN THE  
23 1987 GENERAL PLAN. SPECIFICALLY IF THAT PLAN IS ELIMINATED,  
24 THEN COURT ORDERED AND YOUR OWN DECLARATION ON NUVO RANCH  
25 SPECIFIC PLAN WILL NOT BE-- WILL NO LONGER HOLD TRUE BECAUSE

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1 EACH TRACT MAP WAS SUPPOSED TO COMPLY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT  
2 MONITORING SYSTEM, BUT NOW IT'S BEING ELIMINATED. SO IN FACT,  
3 THIS GENERAL PLAN DOESN'T-- ISN'T CONSISTENT WITH SPECIFIC  
4 PLANS BECAUSE THAT WAS A REQUIREMENT OF THAT SPECIFIC PLAN.  
5 AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF  
6 YOU WOULD IN OUR 2/12 AREA PLAN UPDATE, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO  
7 S.E.A. 64, IT GOT CUT IN HALF. AND WE WERE DISTRESSED TO LEARN  
8 THAT AS A RESULT OF ALL THIS BROUHAHA OVER THE INJECTION WELL.  
9 I BROUGHT YOU MAPS OF WHAT HAPPENED. AND I WOULD ASK THAT IN  
10 THIS GENERAL PLAN THAT PORTION OF THE S.E.A. THAT WAS  
11 ELIMINATED BE REINSTATED BECAUSE THAT WAS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS  
12 WHY THEY WERE ABLE TO TRY TO PROPOSE TO PUT THAT INJECTION  
13 WELL IN THAT AREA. AND WHAT IS REALLY CONCERNING TO ME ABOUT  
14 THIS IS THE DRAFT E.I.R. FOR THAT PLAN DID NOT SHOW THE  
15 ELIMINATION OF HALF THIS S.E.A. AND I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT  
16 MAPS HERE DON'T MATCH UP TO THE E.I.R. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE YOU  
17 TO KNOW-- AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS--  
18 IS THAT THERE'S AN OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION BECAUSE THERE'S  
19 NOT ENOUGH WATER FOR THIS PLAN. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY'S  
20 WORRIED. THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A PROPER THING TO HAVE AN  
21 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION FOR. WE NEED TO LOOK AT WATER SUPPLY.  
22 IT'S NOT USEFUL TO BUILD A LOT OF HOUSES OUT IN SUBURBAN AREAS  
23 WITHOUT WATER SUPPLY.  
24

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK THEM TO RESPOND  
2    TO THE POINTS YOU JUST RAISED.

3

4    **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU DOES NOT CHANGE  
5    O.V.O.V., MR. MAYOR. YOU REMEMBER THE LONG AND DETAILED  
6    CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION. THAT WAS ADOPTED  
7    BY YOUR BOARD. AND THIS PLAN DOES NOT CHANGE EITHER THAT OR  
8    THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PLAN THAT WAS RECENTLY CONSIDERED. SO THIS  
9    PLAN IS CONSISTENT WITH THOSE PLANS.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITH THE ONE VALLEY, ONE VISION?

12

13   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YES.

14

15   **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** IT JUST WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIX THIS  
16   PROBLEM WITH THE S.E.A., BECAUSE THIS IS A GENERAL PLAN  
17   UPDATE. SO IT'S THE TIME TO FIX THINGS. AND I WAS APPALLED TO  
18   SEE THAT THE E.I.R. WAS WRONG IN THAT PLAN. I KNOW IT'S WAY  
19   TOO LATE TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, BUT I FELT TRIPPED  
20   BECAUSE WE TALKED TO MITCH GLAZER ABOUT THAT AND HE SAID HE  
21   WASN'T CHANGING THE S.E.A.S. AND THEN WE FIND OUT DURING THIS  
22   WELL INJECTION BROUHAHA THAT THE S.E.A. WAS PUT IN HALF.

23

24   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THE MAPS REFLECT WHAT THIS BOARD ADOPTED.  
25   I'LL ASSURE YOU THAT THE MAPS, THROUGH THE PROCESS THE MAPS

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1 DID CHANGE AND THE S.E.A.S WERE ADJUSTED THROUGH COMMUNITY  
2 INPUT AND THROUGH THE ACTIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND  
3 THIS BOARD. BUT THE ACTION OF THIS BOARD IS, I'M CONFIDENT, IS  
4 CLEARLY REFLECTED IN THE MAPS. AND WE ARE NOT CHANGING THAT.

5

6 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I'LL SHOW YOU THE DRAFT E.I.R. MAP THAT DOES  
7 NOT REFLECT WHAT THEY DID AND THERE WAS NO COMMUNITY INPUT TO  
8 PUT THAT S.E.A. IN HALF.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COULD YOU GET THAT, LYNN? THE  
11 INFORMATION TO RICHARD?

12

13 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** YES, I WILL.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND REPORT BACK ON THAT?

16

17 **EILEEN CALLAHAN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS EILEEN CALLAHAN. THANK YOU  
18 VERY MUCH, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
19 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M REQUESTING AN EXEMPTION  
20 FROM S.E.A. MAPPING FOR MY PARCEL IN LOBO CANYON 2058-003-022-  
21 024. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE SEA WAS TAKEN OFF THE AGENDA BUT  
22 SOMEHOW THE MAPPING IS TAKING PLACE, ANYWAY. I TOOK TIME OFF  
23 FROM MY JOB AT U.C.L.A. IN CLINICAL TRIALS RESEARCH. WE ARE  
24 GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING TERMS: JUSTICE, BENEFICENCE AND

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1 RESPECT. DOING THIS MAPPING KIND OF BEHIND OUR BACKS DOES NOT  
2 REFLECT JUSTICE, BENEFICENCE OR RESPECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE? WHERE IS THE  
5 PROPERTY LOCATED?

6

7 **EILEEN CALLAHAN:** IT'S IN LOBO CANYON 2058-003-022-024.

8

9 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE'LL LOOK DURING THIS HEARING, MR. MAYOR,  
10 WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND WE'LL BE READY TO RESPOND. MAYBE  
11 WE SHOULD SPEAK TO THE SPEAKER ON SIDE RIGHT NOW.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JEANETTE VOSBURG,  
16 RUTH TURK. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** PATRICIA MCPHERSON, GRASSROOTS COALITION.  
19 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PART OF MY TIME FOR ISSUES REGARDING  
20 MONTEBELLO THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO WHAT I AM TO ADDRESS HERE. I  
21 AM AWARE OF GETTING-- RECEIVING MANY EMAILS. I'M ALSO SIERRA  
22 CLUB MEMBER. AND I HAD MANY EMAILS SUGGESTING THAT THE NEW  
23 SUPERVISORS ARE NOT AWARE OF A LOT THINGS GOING ON WITH REGARD  
24 TO THIS GENERAL PLAN AND THERE WAS THE REQUEST TO FIND OUT WHO  
25 COULD SET UP APPOINTMENTS IN ORDER TO GO OVER WITH MISS KUEHL

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1 AND MISS SOLIS A LOT OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE ADDRESSED IN THE  
2 GENERAL PLAN. I WOULD ASK FOR MORE TIME TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS.  
3 IN PARTICULAR WHEN IT COMES TO THE S.E.A.S THE SENSITIVE  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS, WE HAVE MANY ISSUES IN THE SIERRA CLUB  
5 THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF,  
6 WRITING IN DIFFERENT COMMENTS AND FEEL THAT THOSE NEED TO BE  
7 ADDRESSED IN A DIFFERENT WAY. I AS GRASSROOTS COALITION AM  
8 CONCERNED ABOUT FEDERAL ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED.  
9 HOUSE DOCUMENT 389, PUBLIC LAW 780 WHICH WAS THE CREATION OF  
10 THE MARINA AND THE BALLONA CHANNEL. HAVING THOSE ISSUES  
11 ADDRESSED THAT ARE TO GO BACK TO CONGRESS FOR REVIEW AS TO HOW  
12 WE CAN ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE THAT WAS DONE THROUGH THE  
13 CREATION OF THE MARINA AND THE CHANNEL. AND THAT HAS NOT  
14 OCCURRED YET. AND IT'S NOT A PART OF THE GENERAL PLAN ISSUES.  
15 THERE ARE OIL FIELD GAS ISSUES ENGAGED IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE  
16 SITUATION. WE HAVE ISSUES THAT ARE BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN INTO  
17 THE GENERAL PLAN RIGHT NOW THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED,  
18 SUCH AS WHAT ACTUALLY-- ONE CAN CALL THEM ORPHAN WELLS BUT WE  
19 HAVE SITUATIONS FOR INSTANCE, SUCH AS AT PLAYA VISTA AND  
20 BALLONA WETLANDS IN THE FRESHWATER MARSH, THERE IS A WELL THAT  
21 IS VENTING MILLIONS OF CUBIC FEET OF GAS DAILY AND WE HAVE NO  
22 OVERSIGHT.

23  
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK OU. YOU WILL GIVE HER YOUR TIME?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** NO GIVE IT HERE WHICH I MEANT TO.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

4

5 **YVONNE WATSON:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME IS  
6 YVONNE WATSON. I'M THE CHIEF RESEARCHER FOR THE SAFER  
7 MONTEBELLO HILLS TASKFORCE IN IN MONTEBELLO. I'M HERE TODAY TO  
8 ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY WILL  
9 NOT SUPPORT ADJUSTING THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA  
10 BOUNDARIES FOR THE MONTEBELLO HILLS. THE MONTEBELLO HILLS ARE  
11 488 ACRES. THEY ARE CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE CALIFORNIA  
12 GNATCATCHER. THEY ARE IN DANGER OF BEING OBLITERATED IN SOME  
13 WAYS BY A PROPOSED HOUSING OF 1200 UNITS. THE MONTEBELLO HILLS  
14 WERE PLACED ON TO THE S.E.A. MAP BACK IN 1980. WE ALREADY KNOW  
15 THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS APPEALED TO HAVE THAT ENTIRE PROPERTY  
16 REMOVED FROM THE S.E.A. AND AS A RESIDENT OF MONTEBELLO, I  
17 HAVE TO SAY THAT I'M VERY, VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH MY CITY  
18 GOVERNMENT FOR SENDING A LETTER TO THE COUNTY ALSO ASKING THE  
19 SAME THING THAT THE MONTEBELLO HILLS BE REMOVED FROM THE  
20 S.E.A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, I ATTEND ALL OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
21 MEETINGS, AND AT NO TIME DID THE CITY COUNCIL EVER MAKE IT  
22 PUBLIC THAT THEY WERE TAKING A STANCE ON THE S.E.A. I THINK  
23 IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BE  
24 INFORMED ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTING  
25 INDIVIDUAL CITIES WHEN THERE'S AN OVERLAP BETWEEN THE COUNTY

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1 GENERAL PLAN AND HOW INCORPORATED CITIES WITH S.E.A.S IN THEIR  
2 JURISDICTION. I CAN TELL YOU FROM MY EXPERIENCE IN MONTEBELLO  
3 THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS. AND THE REASON WE FOUND  
4 OUT WAS THROUGH OUR CONNECTIONS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
5 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LISA  
8 PAYNE. MICHAEL FRAWLEY. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE U.S. CONGRESS BILL 389 AND  
11 780 THAT WAS DONE IN 1954 TO CREATE THE MARINA. AS FAR AS I  
12 KNOW THERE WERE BEEN NO CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS. IN OTHER WORDS,  
13 THE COUNTY HAS NEVER REPORTED ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING. SO I  
14 THINK I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF IF THIS  
15 PLAN. BUT THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF CREATING THE MARINA TO MEET  
16 RECREATIONAL NEEDS FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH AFFORDABLE SMALL  
17 BOAT HARBOR FOR 6,000 BOATS, 5-1/2 MILES OF WIDENED BEACHES  
18 AND CREATION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT INCLUDING THE OXFORD LAGOON  
19 BIRD SANCTUARY FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE TO USE AND ENJOY.  
20 CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF THE DAMAGE DONE DURING MORE THAN 50  
21 YEARS OF COUNTY OVERSIGHT MUST BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS AS  
22 MANDATED BY U.S. DOCUMENT 389. REPORTS ARE MANY YEARS  
23 DELINQUENT, AND I WONDER IF THIS NEW PLAN IS INCORPORATING  
24 SOMETHING TO REMEDY THAT PROBLEM.

25

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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THERE IS AN ADOPTED L.C.P. FOR THE MARINA  
2   AND THIS PLAN LEAVES THAT INTACT. SO THIS PLAN IS NOT  
3   ADDRESSING THAT ISSUE. IT'S LEAVING-- AND I'LL SAY ON A MORE  
4   BROAD BASED TERMS, IF THERE ARE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS, COMMUNITY  
5   PLANS, THOSE WERE DEVELOPED IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE  
6   LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES AND IN THIS  
7   UPDATE WE'RE LEAVING THOSE AS IS. IF AT SOME TIME THE BOARD  
8   DESIRES TO REOPEN THOSE COMMUNITY PLANS OR THOSE NEIGHBORHOOD  
9   PLANS, WE CERTAINLY WILL. BUT THOSE WERE DEVELOPED IN  
10   COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND WE'RE NOT  
11   TOUCHING THOSE. THE L.C.P. WAS DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH  
12   THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE MARINA AND WITH THE  
13   COASTAL COMMISSION, SO THIS IS NOT BEING CHANGED.

14

15   **SPEAKER:** SO IN OTHER WORDS THERE'S NOTHING BEING DONE TO TAKE  
16   CARE OF U.S. DOCUMENT 389 AND 780 IN TERMS OF REPORTING TO THE  
17   U.S. CONGRESS? BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND IT RIGHT NOW, THE U.S.  
18   CONGRESS IS STILL AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES AT THE MARINA. AND  
19   YET THEY ARE NOT GETTING ANY REPORTS ON WHERE THEIR MONEY IS  
20   GOING AS FAR AS I KNOW.

21

22   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS THAT ISSUE,  
23   MA'AM.

24

25   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP CHAD HORSFORD.  
3 RUSSELL HORNING. YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **RUTH TURK:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RUTH TURK. AND I CAME HERE TO  
6 SUPPORT THE PLAN THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING HAS PUT TOGETHER.  
7 I DIRECTLY HAVE 5 PARCELS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE PLAN WITH  
8 ZONE CHANGING. AND I FOUND THEM TO BE VERY COOPERATIVE WHEN I  
9 EXPRESSED MY CONCERNS. AFTER GOING TO A COUPLE OF THE  
10 MEETINGS, I NOTICED THAT THERE WERE SPECIFIC AREAS THAT HAVE A  
11 LOT OF CONCERNS AND THEN THERE WERE OTHER AREAS WHERE  
12 EVERYBODY WAS SATISFIED. AND MY QUESTION OR OFFERING WOULD BE  
13 WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO APPROVE THE PARTS OF THE PLAN THAT  
14 HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ATTACHED TO THEM AND DEAL WITH THE  
15 PROBLEMS, PROBLEM AREAS AS A SEPARATE CONDITION?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET'S ASK THE DIRECTOR.

18

19 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THIS IS A  
20 COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE. AND WE KNOW OF NO AREAS THAT HAVE A  
21 CONCENTRATION OF CONCERN. WE WORK WITH EACH PORTION OF THE  
22 COUNTY THAT HAS UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND WORKED THROUGH MANY,  
23 MANY OF THOSE ISSUES. I'M PLEASED TO REPORT, AS YOU DID, THAT  
24 WE WORKED THROUGH YOUR ISSUES AND THAT THIS WILL BENEFIT YOU  
25 AND IN MANY AREAS THERE WERE ZONES THAT WERE-- PROPERTIES WERE

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1 ZONED THAT WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WAS ON THE GROUND.  
2 AND WE'VE TRIED TO USE THIS PROCESS TO BRING THE ZONING INTO  
3 CONFORMANCE WITH WHAT'S ON THE GROUND AS WELL AS LOOK AT THE  
4 NEIGHBORING USES AND MAKE SURE THERE'S CONFORMITY TO THAT. BUT  
5 WE WOULD HOPE AND WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT THIS PLAN BE  
6 ADOPTED AS A WHOLE AND NOT PIECEMEAL. THAT'S THE WHOLE PURPOSE  
7 OF A GENERAL PLAN.

8

9 **RUT TURK:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. MY CONCERN IS ONE OF THE  
10 MEETINGS I WAS AT THAT THERE WERE 40 PEOPLE THAT WERE AGAINST  
11 SOMETHING IN THE SAME AREA. THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE SO  
12 APPARENTLY YOU GUYS HAVE STRAIGHTENED THAT OUT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA  
15 STRONG. LINDA STRONG? IS LINDA HERE? YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE. I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN  
18 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. WE HAD A COUPLE  
19 OF OUR MEMBERS HERE EARLIER BUT UNFORTUNATELY THEY HAD TO  
20 LEAVE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** JUST A COUPLE?

23

24 **LISA PAYNE:** JUST A COUPLE TODAY. AS YOU ALL KNOW, OUR MEMBERS  
25 PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY IN BUILDING BEAUTIFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN

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1 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT INCLUDE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES AND  
2 AMENITIES AS WELL AS PROVIDING RENTAL HOMES FOR FAMILIES  
3 MAKING UP TO ABOUT \$45,000 A YEAR, AND FOR SALE HOMES FOR  
4 PEOPLE MAKING UP TO ABOUT \$75,000 A YEAR. HAVING THOUGHTFUL  
5 LAND USE RULES THAT SUPPORT OUTSIDE INVESTMENT AND CREATION OF  
6 LIVABLE, WALKABLE COMMUNITIES IS IMPORTANT TO CREATING HEALTHY  
7 AND VIBRANT PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND BRING UP FAMILIES. THIS  
8 IS CLEARLY WHAT COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING IS TRYING TO ACHIEVE.  
9 AND S.C.A.N.P.H. AND ITS MEMBERS LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
10 THAT DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY TO USE THE NEW GENERAL PLAN AS  
11 A BASIS FOR PUTTING PLANNING RESOURCES INTO THE UNINCORPORATED  
12 AREAS AS SPECIFIC PLANS AND COMMUNITY PLANS ARE DEVELOPED IN  
13 SOME AREAS. THE ONLY WORD OF CAUTION S.C.A.N.P.H. GIVE IS THAT  
14 WE'VE WATCHED THE COUNTY'S RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM REACH MORE AND  
15 MORE AREAS OF THE COUNTY. DEVELOPMENT IS INCREASINGLY  
16 ATTRACTED TO LONG-NEGLECTED AREAS AROUND THE STOPS. BUT THAT  
17 CREATES DESIRABLE PLACES TO LIVE AND ALSO TENDS TO RAISE THE  
18 COST OF LIVING AROUND THE STOPS AND PRICE OUT LONGTIME  
19 RESIDENTS AND CORE TRANSIT RIDERS. S.C.A.N.P.H. ENCOURAGES THE  
20 COUNTY AS IT GOES FORWARD TO CAPTURE THE VALUE OF ITS TRANSIT  
21 NVESTMENT AND USE IT TO CREATE AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOMES  
22 FOR RESIDENTS AND TRANSIT RIDERS. FOR INSTANCE AS IT GOES  
23 FORWARD INSTEAD OF JUST GRANTING EXTRA HIKES OR INCENTIVES TO  
24 ALL DEVELOPERS, THE COUNTY COULD DO SO ONLY FOR DEVELOPERS

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1 THAT AGREE TO PROVIDE SOME AFFORDABLE HOMES OR THAT DON'T  
2 DISPLACE OTHER RESIDENTS. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DELORIS AND AHMAD ALFAR. YES, SIR.

5

6 **MIKE FRAWLEY:** MY NAME IS MIKE FRAWLEY. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
7 THE TRIBAL LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. OUR CONCERN IS THE  
8 IMPACT OF SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA ON OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S A  
9 LITTLE UNCLEAR WHAT'S GOING ON. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE A  
10 PLOT PLAN APPROVAL OR HOUSE, IS THAT NO LONGER EFFECTIVE?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL ASK THE DIRECTOR.

13

14 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION, YOU ARE  
15 GRANDFATHERED UNDER THESE RULES. SO IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE  
16 APPLICATION, IF YOU HAVE A PLOT PLAN, YOU MAY GO FORWARD WITH  
17 THAT AND YOU'RE GRANDFATHERED IN. COMPLETE APPLICATIONS. AND  
18 MR. MAYOR, WHILE I'M ON THAT, THE WOMAN WHO SPOKE EARLIER HAS  
19 INDICATED THAT SHE HAS A COMPLETE APPLICATION, SO LET ME  
20 REPORT THAT THIS ACTION DOES NOT AFFECT HER.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND YOU'LL PUT THAT IN WRITING FOR  
23 HER.

24

25 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YES, I WILL AND SHE HAS MY CARD, TOO.



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **MIKE FRAWLEY:** THE SECOND PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS, WE ASKED  
5 REGIONAL PLANNING TO HAVE EMMA HOWARD COME OUT AND TALK TO THE  
6 COMMUNITY IN OCTOBER. AND AT THAT TIME EMMA HOWARD REQUESTED  
7 THAT THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL ORDINANCE AREA BE TAKEN OFF  
8 CALENDAR FOR MORE COMMUNITY INPUT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
9 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL MAP IS GOING FORWARD TODAY, IS THAT  
10 CORRECT?

11

12 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** YES. AND LET ME, IF I MAY, MR. MAYOR,  
13 EXPLAIN THAT THERE'S A MAP THAT SHOWS THE S.E.A.S AND THERE'S  
14 AN ORDINANCE THAT IMPLEMENTS IT. THERE IS THERE HAS BEEN  
15 CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ORDINANCE, SO WE'VE DELAYED  
16 THE ORDINANCE. AND THE S.E.A. MAP WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS AREA  
17 PLANS ARE ADOPTED. AND WE ARE NOT-- WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT  
18 S.E.A. MAP CONCEPTUALLY TODAY, BUT IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED  
19 THROUGH AREA PLANS AS REQUESTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. SO  
20 EMMA WAS CORRECT. THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE ITSELF IS OFF CALENDAR  
21 AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. AND IF WE  
22 HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, YOU'LL BE INCLUDED IN THAT  
23 DISCUSSION.

24

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1   **MIKE FRAWLEY:** SO FOR CLARITY SAKE, WITH THE NEW MAP,  
2   PROPERTIES ARE STILL NOT SUBJECT TO HAVING TO GO TO I THINK  
3   IT'S CALLED C.T.A.C.

4

5   **MARK CHILDS:** THE CONCEPTUAL S.E.A. THAT THE DIRECTOR JUST  
6   MENTIONED, THOSE ARE IN SPECIFIC AREAS. I BELIEVE THE AREA  
7   WHERE YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED IS NOT WITHIN AN EXISTING  
8   COMMUNITY PLAN. SO THIS ACTION TODAY WOULD ESTABLISH A CHANGE  
9   TO THE S.E.A. BOUNDARY. THE CONCEPTUAL S.E.A.S ARE IN AREAS  
10   WHERE THERE'S AN EXISTING COMMUNITY PLAN.

11

12   **MIKE FRAWLEY:** SO THE C.S.D. THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

13

14   **MARK CHILDS:** NO, A PLAN AREA. THE C.S.D. IS PART OF THE ZONING  
15   CODE, SO THOSE ARE DIFFERENT.

16

17   **MIKE FRAWLEY:** SO ALL PROPERTIES NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT WOULD  
18   HAVE TO GO THROUGH C.T.A.C.?

19

20   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE A COMPLETE APPLICATION,  
21   WHICH YOU SAID YOU DO, THEN YOU'RE GRANDFATHERED.

22

23   **MIKE FRAWLEY:** AS OF WHAT DATE, THEN, SIR?

24

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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** AS OF THIS DATE. ACTUALLY AS OF ADOPTION,  
2   WHICH WILL BE-- IF THE BOARD CHOOSES TO MOVE FORWARD, WILL BE  
3   A FEW MONTHS FROM NOW.

4

5   **MIKE FRAWLEY:** OKAY, I UNDERSTAND NOW. IF WE COULD, AT SOME  
6   POINT WE'D LIKE TO HAVE EMMA HOWARD COME OUT AND EXPLAIN  
7   WHAT'S GOING ON?

8

9   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SURE, THERE'S A LOT MORE DIALOGUE TO HAPPEN  
10   WITH THE S.E.A. ORDINANCE AND WE WILL BE RE-VISITING  
11   COMMUNITIES ON THAT ISSUE.

12

13   **MIKE FRAWLEY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
16   ARNOLD SACHS, TOO. AND WAYNE SPINDLER. THANK YOU.

17

18   **LINDA STRONG:** MY NAME IS LINDA STRONG. I'M THE CHAIRPERSON OF  
19   THE SAVE THE MONTEBELLO HILLS SIERRA CLUB TASKFORCE. I WANT TO  
20   THANK THIS BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. WE HAVE BEEN  
21   WAITING FOR THIS FOR A LONG TIME. FIRST IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING  
22   THAT THE ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB HAS SUBMITTED A  
23   LETTER REQUESTING THAT THIS MATTER BE CONTINUED FOR THE  
24   RELATIVELY NEW SUPERVISORY MEMBERS TO HAVE MORE TIME TO REVIEW  
25   THESE VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS AND ALL THESE COMPLEX ISSUES. SO

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1 PERHAPS THAT LETTER CAN BE REVIEWED AND MORE TIME BE GIVEN FOR  
2 THESE IMPORTANT KIND OF DECISIONS. SECOND, I WANT TO STRESS  
3 HOW EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREAS ARE.  
4 WE ARE BECOMING AN UNFORTUNATELY UGLY PLACE IN THIS COUNTY IN  
5 MANY WAYS WITH ALL OF OUR HELTER-SKELTER DEVELOPMENT, ALL OF  
6 OUR RUINATION OF THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL NATURAL AREAS. WE NEED TO  
7 PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE CORRIDORS INCLUDING THE CHINO- PUENTE  
8 RANGE, THE MONTEBELLO HILLS OR THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THAT  
9 RANGE. THEY ARE THE LAST UNDEVELOPED HILLS BASICALLY BETWEEN  
10 THE RIO HONDO AND THE LOS ANGELES RIVER. IT WAS SO APPROPRIATE  
11 FOR THE STAFF TO PLACE THEM IN THE SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL  
12 AREA. THEY SERVE MANY VALUABLE PURPOSES, INCLUDING OPEN SPACE.  
13 WE HAVE TO THINK OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE GENERATIONS  
14 THAT WILL FOLLOW US. WE DON'T NEED TO BE JUST THINKING ABOUT  
15 WHO'S GOING MAKE THE MOST MONEY TODAY? SO I THANK THIS BODY  
16 AGAIN AND ASK FOR THAT EXTRA CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES, SIR.

19

20 **AHMAD ALFAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AHMAD ALFAR. I'M HERE  
21 TO GO TO SEE IF I CAN GET EXEMPT FOR MY PROPERTY, THE ONE IN  
22 EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ. ACTUALLY ZONED FOR M-1 AND THEY SEND ME  
23 LETTER THEY WANT TO CHANGE IT TO C-3. AND THE KIND OF BUSINESS  
24 WE RUN, IT'S A FAMILY BUSINESS. MY DAD ESTABLISH IT. AND

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1 THAT'S THE ONLY BUSINESS WE DO. AND IF IT CHANGE TO A C-3, I  
2 CAN'T DO THAT BUSINESS NO MORE. IT'S GOING TO AFFECT US.

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** MR. MAYOR-- GO AHEAD.

5

6 **CONNIE CHUNG:** I'M NOT SURE WHERE EXACTLY YOUR PROPERTY IS  
7 LOCATED, BUT I'M ASSUMING IT'S LOCATED ALONG ATLANTIC?

8

9 **AHMAD ALFAR:** IT'S IN ATLANTIC IN EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ.

10

11 **CONNIE CHUNG:** SO WHAT WE COULD DO, WE DO HAVE STAFF THAT COULD  
12 CLARIFY WHAT USES ARE PERMITTED UNDER THE C-3 ZONE. BUT IN  
13 GENERAL, I THINK OUR METHODOLOGY IN DOING THE ZONE CHANGES WAS  
14 TO LOOK AT WHAT THE USES ARE ON THE GROUND. AND I THINK WITH  
15 INPUT FROM THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ COMMUNITY, THE STRONG  
16 RECOMMENDATION WAS TO REZONE IT TO C-3. BUT, AGAIN, WE COULD  
17 LOOK AT THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR BUSINESS. AGAIN, THERE ARE  
18 GRANDFATHERING PROVISIONS DEPENDING UPON THE SPECIFIC USE. SO  
19 WE'RE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THAT CLARIFICATION TO YOU.

20

21 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SO IF WE COULD, MR. MAYOR, WE'LL SPEAK TO  
22 THIS GENTLEMAN ON THE SIDE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY'LL TALK TO YOU.

25

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1    **AHMAD ALFAR:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MR. SACHS.

4

5    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.

6    AND SOMEBODY MENTIONED THE GREENHOUSE GASES AND LOOKING AT

7    2015. AND I WAS THINKING, WELL, THIS GENERAL PLAN, THE LAST

8    ONE WAS ADOPTED IN 1980, 35 YEARS. AND 35 MORE YEARS WILL BE

9    2050. SO ARE YOU WORKING ON THE NEW GENERAL PLAN? BUT WHAT

10   ALSO CAUGHT MY ATTENTION ABOUT THIS WAS SOMEBODY MENTIONED

11   THEY SENT OUT 40,000 POSTCARDS AND 8,500 LETTERS AND THEY GOT

12   100 COMMENT LETTERS AND 54 RESPONSES OUT OF 48,000. AND I'M

13   WONDERING, BECAUSE THIS IS THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, 48,000

14   NOTIFICATIONS, OUT OF HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE POPULATION? AND

15   THEN ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S BEING SAID AND DONE, I

16   GO BACK TO WHEN YOU HAD THE DISNEY PROPERTY HERE, AND YOU

17   CHANGED THE LAND USE FOR THAT. IT WAS LAND USE ITEM YOU HAD ON

18   YOUR AGENDA LAST YEAR WHERE YOU CHANGED-- WHERE THEY WANT TO

19   PUT A NEW STUDIO. AND IT WAS A FLOOD CONTROL PLAIN FOR MANY

20   YEARS AND YOU CHANGED IT FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT FOR

21   INDUSTRIAL USE. BUT AS FLOOD CONTROL PROPERTY, I'M SURE THAT

22   WHATEVER THEY WERE ASSESSED WAS MINIMAL TO WHAT IT WOULD BE

23   ASSESSED AS INDUSTRIAL USAGE WHICH YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP

24   THAT PROPERTY INTO THIS NEW STUDIO THEY WANT TO BUILD. SO I'M

25   JUST WONDERING, WHEN YOU PUT THIS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE INTO

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1 EFFECT, AND THEN 10, 20 YEARS DOWN THE HIGHWAY YOU WANT TO  
2 MAKE ANOTHER CHANGE LIKE THAT, THE SUPERVISOR SAYS "HOW MUCH  
3 DID YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING GIVE ME"?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SPINDLER?

6

7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, WELL SAID. THE PRIOR SPEAKER MENTIONED  
8 HOW MUCH TO GET THINGS DONE. THAT'S REALLY THE WAY IT WORKS. I  
9 GOT A POSTCARD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL. I THINK IT WAS  
10 ABOUT THIS. AGAIN, THE ONLY THING IT WAS AT WAS SOME  
11 CONVOLUTED TIME AND PLACE. THEY'RE NOT REALLY TELLING ANYBODY  
12 IN THESE CORRESPONDENCES HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU, WHAT YOUR  
13 ZONING IS, WHAT IT'S PROPOSING TO BE. NOBODY KNOWS. SO YOU  
14 JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT. IT'S LIKE NANCY PELOSI SAID. IF YOU  
15 WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IN LEGISLATION, FIRST YOU HAVE TO PASS IT.  
16 THEN YOU GET TO READ IT. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING. YOU'RE  
17 A BUNCH MUCH NANCY PELOSI. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS PELOSI. SO  
18 WE'RE ALL LIVING UNDER THE NANCY PELOSI THEORY. JUST WAIT TILL  
19 IT PASSES. AND THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT YOUR ZONING IS LIKE THE  
20 GENTLEMAN ON THE LAND ACT. HE JUST TOLD YOU WHAT IT WAS. HE  
21 TOLD YOU HE HAD C-3 AND HE SAID THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE HIS  
22 ABILITY TO MAKE A LIVING. HE JUST TOLD YOU. AND YOU'RE SAYING,  
23 OH, LET'S SEE IF THAT'S TRUE. SO IT'S THE LUCK OF THE DRAW. ON  
24 ONE OF MY PROPERTIES, I HAVE VERY UNIQUE ZONING BECAUSE  
25 ANOTHER FUNNY LITTLE THING WITH UNINCORPORATED AREAS IS THAT



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1 YOU HAVE TO USE IT AND THEN APPLY FOR THE USE AND SEE IF THE  
2 USE ADMINISTRATOR APPROVES IT UNDER THE USE AND THE ZONING. SO  
3 PERHAPS IF SOMEBODY DIDN'T USE A PROPERTY FOR A PARTICULAR  
4 ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION, THEY MAY LOSE THAT IN THE LONG  
5 RUN AND DECREASE THE PROPERTY VALUE. SO DOWN THE ROAD I SEE A  
6 NICE BIG CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT FOR EMINENT DOMAIN AND INVERSE  
7 COMBINATION FOR TAKING AWAY ZONING USES ON PROPERTY PREVIOUSLY  
8 ZONED FOR USES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

11

12 **BRYAN BARAJAS:** YEAH, MY NAME IS BRYAN BARAJAS, I'M WITH THE LA  
13 ROUCHE P.A.C. ORGANIZATION. I THINK ONE OF THE TOPICS THAT I  
14 WANTED TO BRING UP AND IT'S THE ISSUE WITH THIS GLOBAL WARMING  
15 SITUATION, WHICH IN MY OPINION IT DOESN'T EXIST IN THE TERMS,  
16 IN THE CONTEXT TO WHICH SOME OF THESE PEOPLE BRING UP THE  
17 CONTEXT OF GLOBAL WARMING. GLOBAL WARMING IS ONLY AN ISSUE AND  
18 IT HAS BEEN AN ISSUE FOR-- SINCE GOD CREATED THIS PLACE WE  
19 CALL PLANET EARTH. SO THE ISSUE HERE IS A POLITICAL ISSUE.  
20 CLIMATE CHANGE, THE THEORY OF IT, IT'S JUST A POLITICAL  
21 OUTLOOK IN ORDER TO LIMIT YOURSELVES FROM ACTUALLY ADVANCING  
22 MANKIND INTO A REALM WHERE YOU COULD ACTUALLY FIX THINGS LIKE,  
23 YOU KNOW, YOUR SO-CALLED WATER SHORTAGE. THE PEOPLE WHO  
24 BELIEVE IN THIS GREEN MOVEMENT ARE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE  
25 THAT MANKIND CAN ACTUALLY SUPERSEDE WHAT LIMITS THEY HAVE.

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1 WATER SHORTAGE, YES. POLLUTION, YOU COULD ALL RESOLVE THIS BUT  
2 NOT THROUGH THE GREEN IDEOLOGY. THAT'S THE ISSUE. LATER ON,  
3 I'M GOING TO TURN IN SOMETHING BUT I WANT PEOPLE TO CONSIDER  
4 THAT THIS RIGHT HERE IS THE FUTURE. YOU HAVE THE CHINESE  
5 ADVANCING GOING TO THE MOON, BULLET TRAINS. AND THIS IS WORLD  
6 DEVELOPMENT. IT GOES WATER. FUSION ENERGY. AFRICA ALL THE WAY  
7 TO LATIN AMERICA INTERSECTING THE UNITED STATES. BUT THE THING  
8 IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO GET IT. THE GREEN ISSUE IS A LIE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT? AND  
11 SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS AN AMENDMENT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE A COMMENT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE THEN SUPERVISOR  
16 KUEHL?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU GOT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. MY COMMENT IS JUST  
19 TO THANK RICHARD AND HIS STAFF. THIS IS A HISTORIC DAY. THIS  
20 HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME, CLOSE TO 20 YEARS, I  
21 BELIEVE. AND THE WAY YOU ARE ABLE TO BUILD SUPPORT, I MEAN  
22 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S STILL SOME DISAGREEMENT AND CLARIFICATIONS  
23 THAT WERE NEEDED, BUT THE OUTREACH AND THE INPUT, I MEAN GREAT  
24 JOB. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THAT. AND THIS HAS BEEN A LONG  
25 TIME COMING. SO THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT OR A  
7 MOTION TO PRESENT. AND THIS IS BEING INTRODUCED BY MYSELF AND  
8 SUPERVISOR THOMAS. AND SINCE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE GENERAL  
9 PLAN UPDATE BEFORE US TODAY, WHICH ESTABLISHES A BROAD VISION  
10 FOR GROWTH THAT WILL GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY'S  
11 UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR THEN NEXT 20 YEARS. MANY OF THE  
12 COMMUNITIES IN THIS AREAS HAVE NOT SEEN ANY COMPREHENSIVE  
13 PLANNING EFFORTS FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS DESPITE SIGNIFICANT  
14 CHANGES TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS, DEMOGRAPHICS AND NEEDS OF  
15 THE COMMUNITY. THIS UPDATE WILL ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK TO  
16 ADDRESS THE PLANNING, LAND USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF  
17 EACH COMMUNITY. PLANNING, AS THE PLANNING ASSOCIATION HAS  
18 NOTED, INESCAPABLY RAISES QUESTION OF EQUITY, LAND USE  
19 POLICIES SUCH AS ZONING, AND MUST SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S GOALS  
20 TO PROMOTE SOCIOECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY AND TO DIRECT  
21 VALUABLE LAND USE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS TO THOSE WITH THE  
22 GREATEST NEEDS. THIS INCLUDES ENSURING THAT EVERYONE HAS  
23 ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, GOOD JOBS, SAFE TRANSPORTATION,  
24 CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, OPEN SPACE. SUCH EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT  
25 REQUIRES NEW AND INNOVATIVE PLANNING TOOLS, TOOLS LIKE VALUE

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1 CAPTURE, WHICH ENSURES THAT THE UNEARNED VALUE THAT RESULTS  
2 FROM ZONING CHANGES BENEFITS ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY OR  
3 NO NET LOSS, WHICH ENSURES THAT THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AT LEAST  
4 MAINTAINS THE STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OR LOCAL OR TARGETED  
5 HIRING, WHICH CAN BOTH MINIMIZE UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC AND  
6 PROMOTE EQUITY. THEREFORE WE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT THE DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING IN  
8 COORDINATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDE  
9 PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH, PARKS AND RECREATION, COMMUNITY  
10 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO  
11 CONSULT WITH EXPERTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS  
12 TO EVALUATE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT TOOLS AND CONCEPTS AND TO  
13 REPORT BACK WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHERE NECESSARY  
14 AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN INCORPORATING THOSE THAT ARE  
15 ADVISABLE AND WITH THE STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE TOOLS  
16 AND CONCEPTS VIA BOTH FUTURE PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND PROJECTS  
17 UNDERTAKEN INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLABORATIVELY WITH OTHER  
18 DEPARTMENTS. REGIONAL PLANNING IS INSTRUCTED TO REPORT ITS  
19 FINDINGS TO THE BOARD IN 90 DAYS. AND I THANK THE PLANNING  
20 COMMISSION AND THE STAFF, EVERYONE, FOR AGREEING TO WORK WITH  
21 US ON THIS IMPORTANT, I THINK, PROGRESSIVE MOTION.

22  
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
24

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST SIMPLY TO SAY THAT I'M PLEASED TO  
2    JOIN IN THIS MOTION. THE LIFT THAT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN IN  
3    ORDER TO BRING THE MATTER BEFORE US IS HARDLY AN INSIGNIFICANT  
4    ONE. THE CHALLENGE IS ESSENTIALLY TO KEEP IT VIBRANT,  
5    INNOVATIVE AND DYNAMIC. IT WILL TAKE A WHILE BEFORE IT TAKES  
6    PLACE. AGAIN PRESUMABLY. SO THE QUESTION IS: CAN THERE BE  
7    TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES THAT MAINTAIN VIBRANCE? AND SO THE  
8    RECOGNITION THAT IS DUE THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE EXPANDING,  
9    DEVELOPING, GROWING CAN BE MET WITH THE KIND OF RESPONSIVENESS  
10   THAT I WOULD THINK THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT WOULD  
11   WISH TO PUT FORWARD ABSENT THE APPROPRIATE TOOLS SUCH AS VALUE  
12   CAPTURING, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME YOU'RE LESS ABLE TO BE AS  
13   RESPONSIVE, LESS AGILE. AND SINCE IT IS THE DESIRABLE GOAL TO  
14   BE SO, I'M PLEASED TO CO-AUTHOR THE MOTION.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANYBODY ELSE ANY COMMENTS? OKAY. SO  
17   MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITH THE  
18   AMENDMENT OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND  
19   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, STAFF. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WAS A YOUNG MAN WHEN WE STARTED THIS.  
24   [LAUGHTER.]

25

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ON ITEM NO. 6, I WOULD LIKE TO AMEND  
2    ITEM 6 TO MOVE THAT PATRIOT DAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, BE ADDED TO  
3    THE DAYS IN WHICH FLAGS AT COUNTY FACILITIES WOULD BE LOWERED  
4    AT HALF MAST. ADDITIONALLY, OTHER DAYS AT THE DISCRETION OF  
5    AND UPON ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

6

7    **SUP. KNABE:** I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT. YEAH, GREAT.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO SECOND?

10

11    **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

12

13    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE GOT ONE SPEAKER. ARNOLD SACHS.

14

15    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

16    AND I WANTED TO BRING UP THIS PART IN YOUR ITEM ABOUT THE

17    FEDERAL FLAG CODE. BECAUSE I'VE TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY OR USED

18    TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME IN TO THE BOARD OF

19    SUPERVISORS MEETING AND EXPRESS MY DISPLEASURE WITH THE BOARD

20    ACTIVITIES BY WEARING A FLAG UPSIDE DOWN ON MY SHIRT. AND YET

21    I WAS TOLD-- AND I WONDER IF THAT'S PART OF THE FEDERAL FLAG

22    CODE THAT YOU'RE ALLOWED TO DISPLAY THE U.S. FLAG UPSIDE DOWN

23    IF YOU'RE IN DISTRESS OVER A SITUATION, IN A SITUATION?

24    BECAUSE I WAS TOLD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT I COULDN'T WEAR

25    THAT SHIRT IN THE BOARD MEETINGS. SO I'M WONDERING IF YOU HAVE

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1 A FEDERAL FLAG CODE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO DISPLAY THE FLAG IN A  
2 MEANINGFUL WAY SHOWING DISTRESS OVER A SITUATION BECAUSE I AM  
3 VERY DISTRESSED ABOUT HOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTS OR THE  
4 BOARD THAT WAS SEATED WHEN I WAS WEARING THAT FLAG, CAN I WEAR  
5 THAT FLAG UPSIDE DOWN? YOU HAVE A FEDERAL LAW HERE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU CAN'T WEAR IT UPSIDE DOWN. YOU KNOW IT'S MUCH  
8 MORE THAN THE FLAG UPSIDE DOWN IN THE SHIRT YOU WERE WEARING.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DRESS WILL HAVE RESPECT. OKAY. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NEXT ITEM, 23. WE HAVE REGISTRAR-  
12 RECORDER HERE? TELL US YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND WHAT WE'RE  
13 DOING.

14

15 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD. DEAN LOGAN, REGISTRAR-RECORDER COUNTY CLERK. TODAY YOU  
17 HAVE BEFORE YOU A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA TO  
18 CHANGE THE DATE OF THEIR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE NOVEMBER  
19 OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS AND TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR ELECTION WITH  
20 THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2016. BRIEF  
21 BACKGROUND ON THIS, THE BOARD HAS A LONG-STANDING POLICY  
22 DATING BACK TO THE EARLY 1980S THAT RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF  
23 REQUESTS FOR CONSOLIDATION IN EVEN NUMBERED YEARS BASED ON THE  
24 LIMITED CAPACITY OF OUR OUTDATED AND LEGACY VOTING SYSTEMS.  
25 HOWEVER, WE ARE RECOMMENDING IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE BASED ON



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1 THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA IS  
2 ENGAGED IN THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE  
3 AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT COME BACK TO YOU WITH A REVISED POLICY  
4 THAT ALLOWS RATHER THAN A UNIFORM DENIAL OF THOSE  
5 CONSOLIDATIONS, THAT ALLOWS FOR A DATA ANALYSIS AND DATABASE  
6 RECOMMENDATION AS LONG AS THE REQUEST IN THE PARTICULAR  
7 GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WOULD NOT EXCEED 75 PERCENT OF THE VALID  
8 CAPACITY AND AS LONG AS IT'S CLEAR THAT THE REQUEST FOR  
9 CONSOLIDATION WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THE ELECTION HAS TO BE HELD  
10 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE ELECTIONS CODE  
11 AND THE LIMITATIONS OF OUR VOTING SYSTEM. SO BASED ON THAT,  
12 WE'RE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE ITEM TODAY AND AGREEING TO  
13 COME BACK AND REPORT TO YOU WITHIN 60 DAYS A REVISED POLICY ON  
14 THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY COMMENTS? WE  
17 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. MICHAEL MURPHY. JOSEPH MONTEZ. AND KEVIN  
18 SHENKMAN. MR. MURPHY, YOU HAD A WHOLE DAY OF GOVERNMENT IN  
19 ACTION THAT YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR CITY AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU  
20 EXPERIENCED.

21

22 **MICHAEL MURPHY:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE  
23 BOARD. I WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO DO THAT. WE HAVE A CITY  
24 COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT, SO I WILL BE REPORTING TO THE COUNCIL  
25 ON THE ITEM, THE ACTION THAT YOU TAKE TODAY. I'M HERE ON

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1 BEHALF OF THE SANTA CLARITA CITY COUNCIL TO REQUEST THAT THE  
2 BOARD GRANT THE CONSOLIDATION REQUEST MADE BY THE CITY OF  
3 SANTA CLARITA. I'M HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MEMBERS  
4 OF THE BOARD MAY HAVE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MICHAEL.  
7 WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS IN THE PAST. OKAY. THE OTHER TWO WHO I  
8 CALLED, ARE THEY HERE?

9

10 **MICHAEL MURPHY:** MR. MONTEZ IS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY  
11 OF SANTA CLARITA AND HE HAD TO LEAVE EARLY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND. AND THE OTHER ATTORNEY?  
14 OKAY. SO WE'RE SPARED. OKAY, I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
15 SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ITEM 12,  
16 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. SOLIS:** MAYOR, I WISH TO WITHDRAW. I'M NOT GOING TO READ  
19 MY ENTIRE STATEMENT THERE. I JUST WANT TO SAY--

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I SENT IT BACK TO YOUR OFFICE?

22

23 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS I'M EXCITED THAT  
24 THIS IS MOVING FORWARD AND WANT TO COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES AND  
25 OBVIOUSLY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND OTHERS AND EVERYONE THAT'S BEEN

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1 WORKING ON THIS ISSUE. IT'S JUST SOMETHING THAT I'LL SUBMIT  
2 FOR THE RECORD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THIS

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER, MR. SACHS. AND  
9 OBVIOUSLY THIS MUST RELATE TO THE GOLD LINE OR THE BLUE LINE.  
10 OH, HE WAIVED IT. OH, WELL GOOD.

11

12 **SUP. KUEHL:** WHEN I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, TOO, FOR  
13 WORKING ON THIS, AND ALL OF US, REALLY. I THINK THE THREE OF  
14 YOU REALLY STARTED THE BALL ROLLING ON THE BLUE RIBBON  
15 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK MAYBE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
16 THOMAS, WHO SPOKE ABOUT IT AT EVERY MEETING MY VERY FIRST  
17 MINUTE HERE, AND I THINK THIS MISSION STATEMENT IS IMPORTANT.  
18 AND I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU CONTRIBUTED TO IT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND I CONCUR WITH THAT 1,000 PERCENT,  
21 AS WELL. SERIOUSLY. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. SO SUPERVISOR  
22 SOLIS MOVES. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
23 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THEY CALL IT PROGRESS.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM NO. 19,  
3 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

4

5 **SUP. SOLIS:** BECAUSE THE CLOCK HAS BEEN TICKING AND I KNOW  
6 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO US ALL  
7 MORNING AND ALL AFTERNOON, I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO SAY I WANT TO  
8 COMMEND OUR STAFF FOR ITEM 19. IT'S VERY TIMELY, SOMETHING  
9 THAT MANY OF US CARE DEEPLY ABOUT, THE REVISIONS THAT WILL  
10 SOON BE BEFORE US THROUGH THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AND  
11 INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
12 OUR STAFF. AND HOPEFULLY REENERGIZING AND PROMOTING SOME OF  
13 THESE NEW ITEMS THAT THE PRESIDENT, HIS ADMINISTRATION IS  
14 GOING TO PUT FORWARD TO ASK US TO DO MORE. AND I SIMPLY WOULD  
15 JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT IN TERMS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT, I WANT  
16 TO JUST PAY ATTENTION THERE THAT WE HAVE SOME GAPS IN TERMS OF  
17 SERVICE DELIVERY THERE AND THE AMERICAN JOB CENTERS. I HOPE WE  
18 CAN CONTINUE TO REBUILD OUR SERVICES IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND  
19 UNINCORPORATED AREAS AS WELL AS IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, MORE  
20 IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE WE LOST ONE OF OUR JOB CENTERS THERE IN  
21 IRWINDALE. I WOULD COMMEND THE STAFF FOR BEING HERE AND  
22 SUPPORTING THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND  
23 WORKING WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, RETRAINING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,  
24 PEOPLE THAT ARE UNDEREMPLOYED, DISLOCATED WORKERS AND THOSE  
25 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE DISABILITIES, VETERANS, YOUTH AND ALL OF

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1 THE ABOVE. SO THANK YOU. AND THAT'S SIMPLY ALL I WANTED TO  
2 ADD. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
5 ORDERED. ITEM NO. 25-B. SUPERVISOR KNABE HELD THAT. WE HAVE A  
6 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP FOR IT AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I HELD IT, ONLY IT'S A REPORT BACK, I DON'T  
9 UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT YOU KNOW THERE'S ISSUES HERE OVERLAP AS  
10 IT RELATES TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESPONSIBILITIES GOING  
11 TO BE ASSUMED BY THE STATE. THIS IS REALLY A BIG FINANCIAL  
12 HIT, POTENTIAL. AND WE REALLY NEED TO BE AWARE OF WHERE WE'RE  
13 AT. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM MOVING FORWARD. BUT WHAT I DON'T  
14 NEED IS A REPORT BACK TO RECOGNIZE THE SERIOUS FINANCIAL  
15 IMPLICATIONS. WE ALL WANT TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, BUT WE GOT TO  
16 MAKE SURE WE DON'T GET OUT AHEAD OF ANY REIMBURSEMENT  
17 POSSIBILITIES THAT ARE OUT THERE. GET STUCK HOLDING THE BAG.  
18 SO HOPEFULLY THAT COMES BACK IN THE REPORT WITH THE OPTIONS  
19 THAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO ASK THAT THE STATE'S  
22 TAKING OVER THE WAGES IN JULY. SO THEY'RE TAKING OVER THE  
23 BARGAINING IN JULY.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WHAT WE DO TODAY COULD LEAVE US  
3 WITH ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT WOULD NOT BE ABSORBED WHEN THE  
4 STATE TAKES OVER IN JULY.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, INTERIM C.E.O.:** I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT  
7 COUNTY COUNSEL IS CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO AND THAT WILL BE  
8 INCLUDED IN THE REPORT BACK.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** SAME SENSE I HAD.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I, MR. MAYOR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THAT IS A MISSTATEMENT AS TO WHAT  
17 WE ARE DOING TODAY. WE ARE ESSENTIALLY ASKING THAT THE HEAD OF  
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AS WELL AS CHIEF  
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT BACK TO US WITH THE VARIOUS MENTIONS  
20 OF WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO RAISE THE WAGES FOR HOME CARE  
21 WORKERS, SOME 140,000 SUCH INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES. THIS HAS PRECEDENCE IN TERMS OF 2013 WHERE WE ACTED  
23 WHERE THEY HADN'T BEEN AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
24 BENEFITED BY AN INCREASE IN SOME SIX YEARS. WE RE-VISIT THE  
25 ITEM NOW IN LIGHT OF THE RANGE OF DISCUSSIONS THAT ARE BEING

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1   UNDERTAKEN. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THIS IS NOT AN ACTION AT  
2   THIS POINT. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR REVIEW SO THAT WE ARE  
3   INFORMED AS IT RELATES TO OUR PROSPECTIVE DELIBERATIONS. MIGHT  
4   I CONCLUDE BY ADDING WE WANT TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN, THAT IS  
5   RESPONSIBLE AND/OR PRUDENT, TO ERADICATE POVERTY. WE WISH NOT  
6   TO BE COMPLICIT IN CAUSING PEOPLE TO WORK AND YET NOT BEING  
7   ADEQUATELY OR PROPERLY COMPENSATED FOR WORK THAT WE DEEM TO BE  
8   IMPORTANT. WHO HERE WOULD DARE SUGGEST THAT THE WORK OF HOME  
9   CARE WORKERS NOT IMPORTANT? I SUSPECT NO ONE. THEREFORE WE ASK  
10  FOR THIS REVIEW.

11

12  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? GENEVIEVE  
13  CLAVREUL? ROBEERT LUCAS. WAYNE SPINDLER. KIM EVON. CARMEN  
14  ROBERTS. CARMEN ROBERTS. LAUREL WEBB. MR. SPINDLER.

15

16  **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OKAY. GOOD. WE GOT-- IT'S GOING TO BE  
17  INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE SIMPLE  
18  THING IS, IS THAT THEY WANT MORE MONEY. SO ONE OF THE PROBLEMS  
19  WITH THIS PROGRAM IS THAT A LOT OF TIMES YOU'LL HAVE FAMILY  
20  MEMBERS WITHIN THE FAMILY, AND THEY GET PAID AND IT STAYS  
21  WITHIN THE FAMILY. AND THEY REPORT THE HOURS THAT THEY USE ON  
22  AN HONOR SYSTEM. BECAUSE I DEALT WITH THIS PROGRAM BEFORE. SO  
23  IT'S A PROGRAM RIDDLED WITH PROBLEMS. AND THE STATE APPARENTLY  
24  WANTS TO TAKE IT AND DEAL WITH IT ON A STATEWIDE ISSUE. SO I  
25  WOULD JUST SAY IT'S A WAIT AND SEE. IT'S A NEW WORLD ORDER AS



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1 FAR AS THIS PROGRAM. BUT IT'S A MAJOR EXPENDITURE FOR THE  
2 STATE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **CARMEN ROBERTS:** MY NAME IS CARMEN ROBERTS AND I'M A PROUD  
7 MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. U.L.T.C.W., UNITED LONG TERM CARE WORKERS  
8 AND AN I.H.H.S. PROVIDER. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
9 MOVING THIS MOTION ON BEHALF OF 140,000 L.A. COUNTY I.H.H.S.  
10 PROVIDERS AND I WANT TO STRESS THE URGENCY OF PASSING THIS  
11 MOTION. 83 PERCENT OF THE PROVIDERS ARE WOMEN AND WOMEN OF  
12 COLOR. AND TOO MANY ARE LIVING IN POVERTY. THE CURRENT WAGE OF  
13 9.65 AN HOUR MEANS CAREGIVERS AND MOTHERS CHOOSING BETWEEN  
14 PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE OR MEETING THE RENT. BECAUSE OF  
15 THIS, THE TURNOVER RATE IS ABOUT 60 PERCENT, WHICH JEOPARDIZES  
16 THE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR THE SENIORS AND DISABLED. THE NEED  
17 FOR I.H.H.S. CARE WILL ONLY GROW. IN FACT, IT WILL INCREASE BY  
18 49 PERCENT IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS. SO I.H.H.S. PROVIDERS FULLY  
19 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND ASK THE BOARD TO PLEASE ACT WITH  
20 URGENCY. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD  
23 SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

24

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OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1   **LAUREL WEBB:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LAUREL WEBB AND  
2   I'M GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE S.E.I.U. UNITED LONG TERM CARE  
3   WORKERS. I ALSO WISH TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
4   FOR MOVING THIS MOTION AND URGE THE PASSAGE OF IT TODAY. AS IT  
5   WAS STATED, THIS MOTION IS ABOUT EXPLORATION AND FINDING OUT  
6   THE FACTS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT. THESE I.H.H.S.  
7   PROVIDERS ARE CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATION WITH THE P.A.S.C. HERE  
8   IN L.A. COUNTY. THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRANSITION TO  
9   THE STATEWIDE AUTHORITY, BUT IT HAS BEEN LOOMING. AND MAKING  
10  THESE WORKERS WAIT TO NEGOTIATE OVER THEIR WAGES DUE TO SOME  
11  CONFUSION OR APPARENT CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT THE COST IMPACT  
12  WOULD BE ON THE COUNTY ONLY REFLECTS THE NEED TO GAIN CLARITY  
13  ON WHAT THAT COST IMPACT WOULD BE AND HOW IT WOULD WORK. IT IS  
14  ABSOLUTELY, ABSOLUTELY POSSIBLE THAT THE STATE WOULD PAY THE  
15  FULL 65 PERCENT NONFEDERAL SHARE THAT THEY PAY NOW FOR ANY  
16  COST OF A WAGE INCREASE THAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED HERE WITH  
17  L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

18

19  **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ROBERT LUCAS AGAIN. YOU KNOW, I  
20  HAD SOME PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AT THIS. I TOLD YOU AND LET YOU  
21  KNOW ABOUT MY GETTING TO LIVE WITH MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER. WELL,  
22  BACK IN THE DAY, IT WAS A HOME CHORE WAS THE PROGRAM THROUGH  
23  L.A. COUNTY OF ASSISTANCE. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT SOME OF  
24  THE THINGS THAT I GOT TO EXPERIENCE WITH HER BEING AT HOME AND  
25  BEING TAKEN CARE OF. AND THE MONEY THAT WAS COMPENSATED TO MY

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1 GRANDMOTHER FOR TAKING CARE OF HER PROLONGED BOTH OF THEIR  
2 LIVES. MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER LIVED TO 98. MY GRANDMOTHER LIVED  
3 INTO HER 80S. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT THOSE ARE SOME OF THE  
4 MOST VALUABLE MEMORIES THAT I CAN RECALL BECAUSE THAT'S THE  
5 PERSON WHO I AM TODAY. THIS MONEY THAT CAN BE EXPENDED ON  
6 THESE ANGELS THAT ARE DOING WORK THAT NOBODY WANTS TO DO  
7 BECAUSE THEY CAN'T TRUST THE ESTABLISHMENTS TO DO IT. LET THEM  
8 HAVE IT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. TWO THINGS, THREE THINGS,  
13 ACTUALLY. AND I'M REALLY UPSET WITH MYSELF FOR NOT BEING  
14 BETTER PREPARED BECAUSE I HAD AN ARTICLE. I BELIEVE THE STATE--  
15 - IT WAS A COURT THAT JUST RULED ABOUT THE STATE WANTED TO  
16 TAKE ACTION TO PAY HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS MORE MONEY AND THEY  
17 SAID-- I'LL HAVE TO BRING THE ARTICLE NEXT WEEK. I'LL SAY  
18 SOMETHING ABOUT IT UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT YOU HAD AN ITEM  
19 ON YOUR AGENDA A COUPLE, MAYBE A YEAR, MAYBE TWO YEARS AGO  
20 ABOUT GETTING MORE FUNDING FOR THE WORKERS AND IT WAS  
21 DEPENDENT ON THE STATE REIMBURSING FUNDS FOR THAT. AND SO NOW  
22 YOU WANT TO MOVE TO PAY LIKE ALMOST \$2 MORE AN HOUR, BUT YOU  
23 NEVER REALLY QUALIFIED YOUR ANSWER FOR THE 80 CENTS OR 60  
24 CENTS MORE PER HOUR YOU WERE GOING TO PAY.

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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE DID.

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3     **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO YOU GOT NO MONEY FOR THAT. BUT, AGAIN, IT WAS  
4     DEPENDENT UPON THE STATE. SO WHAT ARE YOU DEPENDING ON THE  
5     STATE FOR THIS FUNDING?

6

7     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SO WE HAVE THE MOTION  
8     FOR A REPORT BACK.

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10    **SUP. SOLIS:** SECOND.

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12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SOLIS, SECONDED BY RIDLEY-  
13    THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE HAVE ITEMS 5, 7, 24,  
14    MR. SACHS, JOHN WALSH, 22, 24. GENEVIEVE 22, MR. LUCAS 7 AND  
15    11. LUCKY NUMBERS.

16

17    **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. A LOT OF THE WORK THAT WAS  
18    DONE HERE TODAY ON MOST OF THE THINGS ON AGENDA ITEMS WERE  
19    VERY MOVING. AND NOTHING MOVED ME MORE THAN SOME OF THE  
20    ACTIONS OF SOME OF THE BOARD MEMBERS LAST WEEK TO THE POINT  
21    THAT I WENT TO CITY COUNCIL AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE  
22    SITTING ON THIS BOARD HERE ARE SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT THIS  
23    PROCESS SHOULD BE. I ALSO CAME TO REALIZE THAT THE  
24    RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING UNDER YOU THAT  
25    ARE IN THE FIELD HOLD A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE THIS

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1 PARALLELS MY LIFE. THE THINGS THAT GO ON OUTSIDE OF ME THAT  
2 I'M NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THAT I ENTRUST TO THE PEOPLE WHO  
3 ARE DOING A JOB FOR ME HOLD MY INTEGRITY IN THEIR HANDS.  
4 NOTHING DISTURBS ME MORE THAN TO WATCH SOMEBODY NOT TAKE THAT  
5 COMMITMENT SERIOUSLY. I SEE A LOT OF INTEGRITY, A LOT OF GOOD  
6 WILL IN THIS ROOM. THE BEHAVIOR THAT GOES ON IN THIS ROOM IS  
7 STELLAR. IT IS REMARKABLE. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU GET OUT THERE  
8 BOOTS ON THE GROUND IN THE FIELD, THE ATTITUDE IS NOT THE  
9 SAME. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I NEVER UNDERSTOOD THIS  
10 BECAUSE I PUT EVERYBODY IN THE SAME BOWL. IT'S JUST NOT THAT  
11 WAY. I HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, GREW UP IN  
12 COMPTON, LYNWOOD, SOUTH GATE, WATCHED THE HELICOPTER GO DOWN,  
13 PLAYED BASEBALL. MISS KUEHL BEEN ALL OVER YOUR AREA BECAUSE I  
14 LOVE THE WATER. YOU HAVE DONE SOME, MISS SOLIS, IN EAST L.A.,  
15 HAVE DONE SOME OF THE MOST REMARKABLE YOUTH WITH AND YOUNG  
16 ADULTS AND IT SAVED MY LIFE. MR. KNABE, YOU'RE JUST THE  
17 SHINING EXAMPLE OF RESERVE. AND YOU ONLY SPEAK WHEN THINGS ARE  
18 IMPORTANT. MY ADOPTED GRANDFATHER, MR. ANTONOVICH, HAS BEEN  
19 VERY HELPFUL IN HIS AIDES HELPING ME WITH SOME DIRECTION. AND  
20 FOR THAT, IT IS INVALUABLE EVEN THOUGH I DO THINK YOU'RE  
21 REPUBLICAN. BUT THE THING ABOUT IT IS--

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** REPUBLICANS HAVE BIG HEARTS.

24

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1   **ROBERT LUCAS:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? AND IT SHOWS IN YOUR DRESS.  
2   [LAUGHTER.] YES, VERY MUCH SO. THE THING ABOUT IT IS I LOVE  
3   THE ENVIRONMENT HERE. I LOVE BEING A PART OF THIS. YOU GUYS  
4   AREN'T GOING TO SHAKE ME BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE THE BLACK  
5   SHEEP OF THE FAMILY AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME GOOD STUFF  
6   HAPPEN BECAUSE I DO IT ON A DAILY BASIS OUT THERE. YOU GUYS  
7   HANDLE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF MINE.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE LAMB IN  
10   THE ASIAN CALENDAR.

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12   **ROBERT LUCAS:** I'LL TAKE THAT, TOO. HAVE A GOOD EASTER. I MEANT  
13   TO SAY, THE AIR SHOW IN LANCASTER, EVEN THOUGH WE HAD A  
14   TRAGEDY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD, N.A.S.C.A.R. EVEN  
15   THOUGH FORD STOLE IT FROM MY DRIVER, IT WAS A REMARKABLE  
16   WEEKEND. A LOT OF THINGS GO ON IN L.A. THAT ARE JUST  
17   REMARKABLE. DON'T SIT IN YOUR HOUSE AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES. GET  
18   OUT AND ENJOY THE CITY.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE COUNTY.

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22   **ROBERT LUCAS:** WELL, THAT, TOO.

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS.

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1    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
2    AND I DID HOLD A FEW ITEMS. I HELD ITEM NO. 5 REGARDING THE  
3    INVESTMENT BOARD APPOINTEES. BECAUSE, AGAIN, YOU HAVE ON  
4    AGENDA A-3. THE L.A.C.E.R.A., LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES  
5    RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION, WHICH I HAVE TO BELIEVE HAS SOME HORSE  
6    IN THIS RACE ABOUT INVESTMENT AND THE BOARD OVERSIGHT OF THAT.  
7    AND YOU'VE HAD THAT ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA SINCE NOVEMBER 16,  
8    2010. AND YOU'VE NEVER REALLY COME BACK WITH THE ACTUARIAL  
9    STUDIES PROVIDING ANALYSIS OF THE BEING USED BY THE RETIREMENT  
10   ASSOCIATION. AND I DO BELIEVE MISS MOLINA AT ONE TIME  
11   MENTIONED THAT YOU HAVE \$22 BILLION IN UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR  
12   L.A.C.E.R.A. SO THESE APPOINTMENTS THAT YOU MAKE TO THESE  
13   INVESTMENT BOARDS, DO THEY MANAGE TO JUST LIKE BE BLINDED TO  
14   THIS \$22 BILLION? DO THEY NOT SEE THIS 10,000-TON ELEPHANT IN  
15   THE ROOM? HOW DID THAT WORK OUT FOR THE PUBLIC'S BENEFIT THAT  
16   YOU CAN GO LIKE THIS AND NOT MISS-- AND MISS THAT \$22 BILLION.  
17   JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY. AND THEN I HELD ITEM 7, EMPLOYEE HEALTH  
18   AND FITNESS MONTH. AND I'M GOING TO MAKE SOME ENEMIES HERE BUT  
19   THAT'S OKAY. BECAUSE I'M LOOKING AT THIS AS GOVERNMENT JOBS.  
20   REALLY, YOU READ ABOUT HOW THE ECONOMY IN CALIFORNIA IS COMING  
21   BACK. BUT IT'S GOVERNMENT JOBS THAT, REALLY, ARE THE MAINSTAY  
22   OF THE ECONOMY. IT'S GOVERNMENT JOBS. ALMOST 100,000 IN  
23   COUNTY. 10,000 IN METRO. THERE'S, WHAT? 50,000, 45,000 IN THE  
24   CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HOW MANY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA? AND  
25   SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT HEALTH AND FITNESS, BECAUSE YOU HEARD



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1 PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THEY'LL GET FROM RADIO WAVES  
2 FROM THE TOWERS OF YOUR RADIO CONTROLLED FLYERS, WE NEED TO DO  
3 A BETTER JOB. UNFORTUNATELY, IT MAY SOUND LIKE I'M PICKING ON  
4 PEOPLE, BUT YOU NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB ON MAKING SURE THAT  
5 EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE PUBLIC, THE PUBLIC PICKS UP A LOT OF  
6 HEALTHCARE COSTS. LET THEM GO ON THE NEW STATE HEALTH CARE  
7 PLANS. THE PUBLIC PICKS UP THE COST. WE NEED EMPLOYEES THAT  
8 CAN'T SMOKE THAT NEED TO BE MORE WARY, MORE ALERT AND MORE  
9 INTO RISK MANAGEMENT ON OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES THAT OCCUR WHILE  
10 THEIR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. AND OBESITY AND THE PROJECTED  
11 COSTS OUT BECAUSE THE PLANS THAT YOU GIVE AWAY FOR  
12 NEGOTIATIONS, THAT MONEY FALLS ON THE PUBLIC. AND THE MIDDLE  
13 CLASS IS DISAPPEARING. THE PEOPLE THAT USED TO BE ABLE TO  
14 COVER THOSE COSTS WITHOUT BLINKING AN EYE PER SE, THEY'RE  
15 DISAPPEARING. AND THEY NEED TO BE SPOKEN FOR BECAUSE THESE  
16 HEALTHCARE COSTS ARE GOING OUT OF CONTROL.

17

18 **LORAYNE LINGAT, DPTY. EXEC. OFCR.:** THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE  
19 YOU ARE NOW ARE ITEMS 5, 7, 11, 22 AND 24.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL MOVES. I'LL SECOND  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. AND ITEM NO. 20, WE HAVE PUBLIC  
23 COMMENT. DANIEL GOTTLIEB. PATRICIA MCPHERSON. GOTTLIEB I GUESS  
24 IT IS. AND JANET VOSBURG AND TIM O'BRIEN. AND FOLLOWING THEM  
25 WILL BE SARAH DENTON AND WAYNE SPINDLER.

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2 **JEANETTE VOSBURG:** HELLO. I'M JEANETTE VOSBURG REPRESENTING THE  
3 SIERRA CLUB. AND IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'M GOING TO READ  
4 THIS. AGAIN, THE U.S. CONGRESS CREATED THE MARINA DEL REY IN  
5 1954 WITH PUBLIC LAWS 389 AND 780. AND MARINERS BAY IS MY  
6 PRIMARY CONCERN TODAY, BUT WHAT IT INVOLVES IS THAT MARINERS  
7 BAY HAS IN COMMON WITH 15 OTHER DEVELOPMENTS SOME PROBLEMS  
8 THAT I THINK SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED ANY LONGER. ONE, THIS  
9 PROJECT, THE MARINA DEL REY, WAS ESTABLISHED FOR REGULAR,  
10 ORDINARY PEOPLE. AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IS THAT AT MARINERS  
11 BAY, IF THE REVISIONS ARE DONE AS STATED AND I'VE READ ABOUT  
12 IT, IT WILL-- THE RENTS WILL TRIPLE BY 2019. THAT DOES NOT  
13 TAKE CARE OF WHAT 780 SAID, WHICH WAS TO DEMAND FOR RATES THAT  
14 ARE REASONABLE WITH EQUAL ACCESS TO ALL. IF RATES TRIPLE,  
15 THAT'S NOT HAPPENING. THE MARINA IS ALSO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A  
16 WILDLIFE HABITAT. AND AT MARINA BAY, THEY'RE GOING TO  
17 ELIMINATE 90 PERCENT, AT LEAST, OF THE OLD GROWTH TREES AND  
18 REPLACE THEM WITH PALM TREES.

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME IS UP. I THINK WE HAVE YOUR  
21 MATERIAL HERE. NEXT SPEAKER? DID YOU RECEIVE THE MATERIAL SHE  
22 PROVIDED YES. THANK YOU. IDENTIFY YOURSELF, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

23

24 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** PATRICIA MCPHERSON, GRASSROOTS COALITION.  
25 I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

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1 PLAN FOR MARINA DEL REY. THIS WAS WRITTEN IN 2009 PUT OUT IN  
2 2010. I ALSO WANT TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO BEACHES AND  
3 HARBOR POLICY NO. 23, TREE PRUNING IN MARINA DEL REY AND  
4 COUNTY BEACHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATIVE BIRD BREEDING CYCLES.  
5 PART OF THE REASON WE'RE HERE TODAY IS BECAUSE ON YOUR SECOND  
6 PAGE OF THAT, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE TREES THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
7 EXISTING, THE MATURE TREES ON THIS SITE, WILL BE REMOVED AND  
8 PALM TREES WILL BE PUT IN. THIS CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT  
9 PLAN IS WRITTEN UP IN ORDER TO PROTECT WILDLIFE. THE POLICY  
10 NUMBER 23 TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF  
11 GREAT BLUE HERONS AND OTHER BREEDING BIRD SPECIES TO REDUCE OR  
12 ELIMINATE IMPACTS ON THEIR NESTING HABITATS. I GO BACK TO THIS  
13 REPORT THAT DISCUSSES THERE ARE FIVE PRINCIPAL NESTING SITES  
14 THAT WERE FOUND IN 2009. THEY'RE GONE. WE HAVE RIGHT NOW WE  
15 HAVE MARINERS VILLAGE THAT IS ABOUT TO BE TOTALLY TAKEN OUT IS  
16 WHAT THEIR PLAN IS. WE JUST HAD THE OXFORD LAGOON AREA, 700  
17 TREES THAT WERE TAKEN OUT. THAT WAS "THE" PRIMARY NESTING  
18 AREA. I'VE BEEN THERE RECENTLY. I FIND NO NESTS THAT HAVE ANY  
19 BIRDS IN THEM WHATSOEVER. WE HAVE OTHER AREAS. THEY HAVE ALL  
20 BEEN TAKEN OUT. SO WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR IS AN AMENDMENT TO  
21 LOOK AT NATIVE TREES RATHER THAN THE PALM TREES AND THINGS  
22 THAT WILL BE PUTTING IN ON THESE SITES LET ALONE THE HIGH  
23 DEVELOPMENT COSTS THAT ARE GOING IN HERE. BUT THERE NEEDS TO  
24 BE NATIVE TREES. THERE NEEDS TO BE THE TREES LEFT IN PLACE.  
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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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3     **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** AND WE DO NOT WANT THE PALM TREES. HOW DO  
4     WE KNOW THAT? THANK YOU.

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6     **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** DANIEL GOTTLIEB, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS.  
7     AND I PASSED OUT TWO THINGS FOR YOU, ONE OF THEM IS AN IDEA  
8     MAYBE HOW THE COUNTY COULD MAKE SOME MONEY. AND ALSO DEFEND  
9     THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT IN LAWSUITS AND TAXES. BUT MY MAIN POINT IS  
10    TO READ SOMETHING TO YOU FROM THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASEHOLD AND  
11    OPTION AGREEMENT. THE CRITERION USED TO APPROVE OR DENY AN  
12    ASSIGNMENT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING. A, THE FINANCIAL CONDITION  
13    OF THE ASSIGNEE, THE LEGACY. B, THE PRICE TO BE PAID FOR THE  
14    LEASEHOLD WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THE LEGACY'S ABILITY TO MEET THE  
15    OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LEASE. AND, C, THE EXPERIENCE AND  
16    REPUTATION OF THE ASSIGNEE LEGACY IN THE OPERATION OF  
17    MANAGEMENT OF SIMILAR PRODUCTS. NOW, THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW WAS  
18    THE NEXT LINE TO FIND THAT A AND B ARE OKAY. AND, C, YOU CAN'T  
19    FIND. THERE'S NO DISCUSSION OF THE REPUTATION. SO THE FIRST  
20    THING I GAVE YOU IS A LETTER FROM PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THAT  
21    PROJECT FROM 2011 COMPLAINING IN VERY SERIOUS WAYS ABOUT LAWS  
22    OF SAFETY AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT.

23

24    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DOCTOR.

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1   **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** YOU HAVE TO NOT APPROVE THIS. THANK YOU, YOU  
2   UNDERSTAND THAT.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR TESTIMONY. MR.  
5   SPINDLER?

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7   **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, I'VE DEALT WITH THIS COMPANY BEFORE. THEY  
8   ACTUALLY HAVE NEVER RETURNED MY \$220 DEPOSIT ON MY SLIP. AND  
9   I'VE BEEN IN THAT MARINA A LONG TIME AND EVERYBODY'S PRICED  
10   OUT. AND IT HAS REALLY BEEN THE BIG SHAME OF THE KNABE  
11   ADMINISTRATION IN THAT DISTRICT THAT COVERS MARINA DEL REY  
12   BECAUSE IT IS NOW A SUPER UPPER-- IT'S NOT MIDDLE CLASS, IT'S  
13   THE SUPER RICH MARINA. THEY'RE GOING TO TEAR THESE SLIPS OUT.  
14   THE AFFORDABLE SLIPS DISAPPEAR. THE RENTS SKYROCKET. AND THEY  
15   PUSH EVERYBODY OUT. AND IT USED TO BE A MIDDLE CLASS MARINA.  
16   NO MORE. THE DREAM OF HAVING A BOAT AND RECREATIONAL BOATING  
17   IS DEAD IN THIS COUNTY. SHAME, SHAME ON THE KNABE  
18   ADMINISTRATION AND THIS PROJECT. SHAME ON IT. I KNOW IT WILL  
19   BE APPROVED. BUT IT'S DISGUSTING. AND IT'S NOT THE INTENT OF  
20   WHAT THE MARINA WAS BUILT FOR. THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP  
23   HAVE BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY. TWO MORE. THEY WERE CALLED.

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1   **TIM O'BRIEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
2   IS TIM O'BRIEN, I'M WITH LEGACY PARTNERS RESIDENTIAL. LEGACY  
3   PARTNERS IS THE PROPOSED ASSIGNEE FOR THE RENOVATION PROJECT.  
4   LEGACY PARTNERS IS A COMPANY THAT'S BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE  
5   1967. IT HAS A FANTASTIC REPUTATION WITH INSTITUTIONAL  
6   INVESTORS. IT MANAGES OVER 13,000 UNITS. WITH RESPECT TO THE  
7   TREE REMOVAL PLAN, THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS IN FACT TO REMOVE ALL  
8   OF THE TREES ON THE PROPERTY AND REPLACE WITH DROUGHT TOLERANT  
9   LANDSCAPE PALATE. WE RECENTLY RE-ASSESSED THAT PLAN. WENT OUT,  
10  TOURED THE PROPERTY WITH ARBORISTS, AVIAN SPECIALISTS AND  
11  LANDSCAPE AND THE CONTRACTOR WITH THE INTENT TO SAVE AS MANY  
12  MATURE HEALTHY TREES AS POSSIBLE. IN THAT EFFORT, WE WERE ABLE  
13  TO SAVE OVER 79 MATURE, HEALTHY TREES. THESE ARE CORALS AND  
14  SYCAMORES. IN FACT, WE THINK WE HAVE COME UP WITH A MUCH  
15  BETTER PLAN. I WENT OUT PERSONALLY AND LOOKED AT EACH AND  
16  EVERY TREE. IF A TREE'S BEING REMOVED, IT'S IN A STATE THE  
17  CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE PROPERTY.

18

19  **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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21  **SARAH DENTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SARAH DENTON. I'M A MANAGING  
22  PARTNER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND G.I.S. SERVICES. WE PROVIDE  
23  ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING ON PROJECTS LIKE THIS WHERE THERE ARE  
24  VERY SPECIFIC NUANCES TO LOCAL POLICY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN  
25  MARINA DEL REY AREA FOR A LONG TIME AND VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE

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1 L.C.P., L.U.P. AND POLICY 34 THAT GOVERNED THE TREE  
2 REPLACEMENT PLAN. WE SUPPORTED LEGACY PARTNERS THEIR RE-  
3 EVALUATION OF THEIR LANDSCAPE REMOVAL PLAN, WHICH AS MR.  
4 O'BRIEN MENTIONED ALLOWED FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE 79  
5 MATURE TREES. THE REMAINDER OF THE TREES THAT WILL BE REMOVED  
6 FROM THE SITE TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE REPLACED AT A  
7 1 TO 1 RATIO CONSISTENT WITH POLICY 34 AND SECTION 5 OF THE  
8 LAND USE PLAN, WHICH IS CONVENTION FOR THE AREA. OF COURSE  
9 THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH THE OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION OF THE  
10 LOCAL BEACHES AND HARBORS OFFICE, WHICH IS ALSO AWARE OF THE  
11 OVERUSE OF PALMS AT OTHER SITES. SO THAT WILL BE A FACTOR IN  
12 THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIES TO REPLACE IN THOSE SITES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SO NO PALM TREES, RIGHT?

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16 **SARAH DENTON:** MINIMIZED PALM TREES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NOT AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE.

19 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE THE ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION. SECOND, SUPERVISOR  
24 KUEHL. SECOND, THEN WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PUBLIC COMMENT? THEN I'LL DO THE  
4    ADJOURNMENTS FIRST. LET ME HAVE A REPORT BACK ON OCTOBER 28,  
5    2012 THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION PASSED THE ATTACHED MOTION  
6    OUTLINING A SERIES OF RECOMMENDED INITIATIVES THAT IMPROVES  
7    THE COUNTY'S INTERNAL CONTRACTING PROCESS AND SPURS REGIONAL  
8    ECONOMIC GROWTH. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND  
9    THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
10   IN 60 DAYS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. LET ME MAKE THAT IN 30 DAYS.  
11   WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPLEMENTING THESE INITIATIVES. SECOND  
12   BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
13   ORDERED. ON THE ADJOURNMENTS, FIRST, THE VICTIMS OF THE PLANE  
14   CRASH THIS MORNING, 150, I BELIEVE, WE ADJOURN IN THEIR  
15   MEMORY. THE LUFTHANSA FROM SPAIN TO GERMANY CRASHED. ALSO, A  
16   FORMER COLLEAGUE OF MANY OF OURS AND FRIEND OF ALL OF OURS,  
17   FORMER SENATOR BILL CAMPBELL PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. HE  
18   HAD FIRST BEEN ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY IN  
19   1966 AND THE STATE SENATE A DECADE LATER WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL  
20   1990. HE SERVED AS THE SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER UNTIL 1982 AND  
21   WAS THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR STATE CONTROLLER IN 1986. HE  
22   SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURERS' AND  
23   TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING HIS RETIREMENT FROM ELECTED  
24   OFFICE. HE LED THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND INVESTIGATED THE  
25   CAUSES OF THE 2003 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES AND

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1 RECOMMENDED WAYS TO PREVENT FUTURE DISASTERS. AND HE WAS QUITE  
2 INVOLVED IN CAL- FIRE AND WORKING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT  
3 THE STATE LEVEL AND ALL OF OUR MUNICIPAL. SO MOVED. SECONDED  
4 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. ALL MEMBERS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
5 ORDERED. JUSTICE WILLIAM BURBY, RETIRED JUDGE OF LOS ANGELES  
6 SUPERIOR COURT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. GRADUATE OF  
7 U.S.C, U.C.L.A., SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. WAS A  
8 PARTNER IN KERN WOOLEY FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. WAS ALSO A  
9 FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. HE PASSED  
10 AWAY. SURVIVING HIM IS HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. ANOTHER  
11 GENTLEMAN WHO HAD BEEN TO THIS BOARD A FEW YEARS AGO WAS  
12 MICHAEL WARD, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA AND PAST PRESIDENT  
13 OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION. HE GRADUATED FROM  
14 U.S.C., RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
15 ADMINISTRATION, SERVED IN THE MILITARY, AND HAD JOINED THE  
16 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES BACK IN 1961. HE WAS A VOLUNTEER FOR THE  
17 OPTIMIST CLUB, THE TOW TRUCK ASSOCIATION, THE UNIVERSITY OF OF  
18 PASADENA, THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
19 WIFE LINDA AND THEIR CHILDREN. ROBERT OSHER, GRADUATE OF  
20 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. WITH  
21 SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN FINANCE AND SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE  
22 GLENDALE ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER, THE GLENDALE COLLEGE  
23 FOUNDATION, THE Y.M.C.A. AND THE LA CANADA ROTARY CLUB. PERSON  
24 I SERVED WITH ON THE SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT, KENNETH  
25 MIN LEW PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 18TH. HE WAS A PAST UNITED STATES

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1 POSTAL INSPECTOR, SPECIAL AGENT WITH THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS  
2 SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EXPERT  
3 ENFORCEMENT. SPECIAL AGENT WITH THE SOCIAL SECURITY  
4 ADMINISTRATION INVESTIGATION UNIT. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LINDA  
5 AND HIS THREE CHILDREN AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. JAMES LITES SR.  
6 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. GRADUATE  
7 OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND WORKED PART-TIME FOR THE POSTAL  
8 SERVICE. OVER 60 YEAR CAREER. HE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL AT  
9 JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES, MONROVIA AND  
10 PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS. INVOLVED IN MANY  
11 ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING ALPHA PHI ALPHA, PRESIDENT OF ALTADENA  
12 TOAST- MASTERS, THE Y.M.C.A. JAMES IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON  
13 JAMES, JR. GLADYS ELLEN WOODMAN-COLE. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
14 ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE HAD ALSO  
15 BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE  
16 ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL  
17 TEST PILOT WIVES, ALPHA CHARTER GUILD, PALMDALE REPUBLICAN  
18 WOMENS GROUP. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND FRANK AND HER SON  
19 AND GRANDCHILDREN. M'LISS D'AGOSTINO WHITE, RESIDENT OF THE  
20 ANTELOPE VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 52. SHE WAS WELL  
21 KNOWN FOR HER VOLUNTEERING EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS  
22 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 31 YEARS AND HER SON TAYLOR AND  
23 CHRISTOPHER AND HER DAUGHTER. BONNIE SOWERS, LONGTIME RESIDENT  
24 OF ANTELOPE VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. LONGTIME  
25 SECRETARY WITH THE LANCASTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. SURVIVED

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1 BY HER HUSBAND AND HER CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN. GENE  
2 CORNELISON, RETIRED DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
3 DEPARTMENT. LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS CITY OF INDUSTRY. ROLAND  
4 CRIDDELL, CUSTODY ASSISTANT WITH L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT. PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 20TH. LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS OUR  
6 TWIN TOWERS. LARRY PACHECO, DEPTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS COURT SERVICES  
8 AND HE PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 13TH. CHARLES ROTTLE, ANOTHER  
9 DEPUTY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY  
10 MARCH 14TH. ALSO WAS A NAVY VETERAN AND SERVED FOR THE  
11 SCIENTIFIC SERVICES BUREAU. AND LOREN RUGG, RETIRED DEPUTY,  
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT  
13 WAS THE TACTICAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION UNIT AND SHE WAS A  
14 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
15 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS.  
16  
17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
18 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DONALD NESS. HE WAS A DEVOTED  
19 HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER. DON RETIRED FROM THE EL MONTE  
20 POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER SERVING 30 YEARS. HE ENJOYED SPEED  
21 SKATING AND WAS A CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN HIS AGE  
22 GROUP. HE'S ALSO ENJOYED CAMPING AND RIDING BICYCLES. HE'S  
23 ALSO LOVED TO ENJOY SPENDING MUCH TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. DON  
24 LOST HIS CANCER BATTLE AFTER PUTTING UP A COURAGEOUS FIGHT.  
25 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JEAN OF 54 YEARS AND THREE

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1 DAUGHTERS. I MOVE THAT WE ALSO ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF  
2 DONNA LYNN MCNEIL. MISS MCNEIL PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 41  
3 AFTER LOSING A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS A  
4 RESIDENT OF THE WEST COVINA AND WAS A BELOVED WIFE AND MOTHER.  
5 DURING HER TIME DONNA LOVED TO TRAVEL. SHE HAD MANY HOBBIES.  
6 SHE ALSO EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE AT CAL POLY POMONA. WAS A  
7 TEACHER, A GIRL SCOUT LEADER IN SAN JOSE CHARTER ACADEMY AND  
8 SHE LEFT US TOO EARLY BUT HER INFLUENCE ON SO MANY YOUNG  
9 CHILDREN WILL LIVE ON. LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE SEEMS TO BE HER  
10 LASTING MOTTO. LIVING LIFE TO THE FULLEST. DONNA IS SURVIVED  
11 BY HER HUSBAND STEVE, CHILDREN JACOB AND JENNA I MOVE THAT WE  
12 ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH HOWARD RIGDON. MR. JOSEPH  
13 HOWARD "BUD" RIGDON WAS BORN ON DECEMBER 16, 1918 IN KANSAS  
14 CITY MISSOURI AND PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT THE AGE  
15 OF 96. HE ATTENDED LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF  
16 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE RETIRED FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
17 AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CORROSION ENGINEER SERVING AS  
18 SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE HYPERION WATERWAYS TREATMENT FACILITY.  
19 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EL MONTE  
20 AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE EL MONTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. HE WAS ALSO  
21 ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPANT IN THE TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL FOR  
22 20 YEARS. HE'LL BE REMEMBERED FOR BEING A LOVING HUSBAND,  
23 COMMITTED FATHER AND FAMILY PATRIARCH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
24 CHILDREN, HIS SON HOWARD RIGDON, HIS DAUGHTER EDITH WEISSNER,  
25 AND DAUGHTER PATRICIA RIGDON, 11 GRANDCHILDREN, 13 GREAT

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1 GRANDCHILDREN AND HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

2 THEY WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION,

5 SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN  
8 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF JAMES MORTON WHO  
9 PASSED ON MARCH 19TH. HE WAS THE FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
10 LYNWOOD, RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LYNWOOD FOR SOME 40 YEARS. HE  
11 WAS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF ROTARY CLUB, OF THE CITY'S PLANNING  
12 COMMISSION, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND HE ALSO SERVED AS A  
13 COMMISSIONER FOR THE LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL  
14 COMMISSION FOR APPROXIMATELY NINE YEARS. MR. MORTON WILL BE  
15 REMEMBERED AS A DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE CIVIC LEADER FOR THE  
16 CITY OF LYNWOOD. HE IS SURVIVED BY MANY FRIENDS, FAMILY AND  
17 MEMBERS OF HIS COMMUNITY WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM. JAMES  
18 MORTON. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY  
19 IN MEMORY OF MARION HELLENKAMP WHO PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 14TH  
20 AT THE AGE OF 83. IT WAS IN 1961 WHEN SHE BECAME AN OFFICER  
21 WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PROMOTED UP THE  
22 RANKS TO BECOME IN THE YEAR OF 1981 FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
23 WOMAN TO HOLD THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT. DURING HER 26 YEARS WITH  
24 THE L.A.P.D., SHE WORKED AS A DETECTIVE WITH THE SOUTHWEST  
25 DIVISION AND SERVED IN THE WATCH COMMANDER IN THE WILSHIRE

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1 AREA BEFORE RETIRING IN 1987. MISS HELLENKAMP WOULD BE  
2 REMEMBERED AS COURAGEOUS PUBLIC SERVANT AND A LEADER WHO  
3 OVERCAME BOTH GENDER AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SHE IS  
4 SURVIVED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO  
5 WILL MISS HER GREATLY. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, LIEUTENANT MARION  
6 HELLENKAMP.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. I MOVE WHEN  
12 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JUDITH BUSTANY,  
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN STUDIO CITY AND  
14 MEMBER OF A VERY SMALL CLUB OF CHILD ACTORS. SHE WAS ALSO A  
15 TEACHER, TELEVISION COMEDY WRITER, PLAYWRIGHT AND A HUMAN  
16 RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. AT  
17 THE AGE OF 10, SHE BEGAN ACTING AND WON ROLES IN PLAYS ON  
18 BROADWAY AND IN EARLY LIVE TELEVISION. BUT HER REAL TALENT LAY  
19 IN WRITING. FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY,  
20 SHE TAUGHT HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA AND  
21 ESTABLISHED A WRITING CAREER THAT INCLUDED WORK ON SEVERAL  
22 T.V. SITCOMS, INCLUDING "DIFF'RENT STROKES" AND "WHO'S THE  
23 BOSS." IN HER PRIVATE LIFE SHE WAS STRONGLY COMMITTED TO HUMAN  
24 RIGHTS AND PEACE MAKING INITIATIVES. SHE TRAVELED TO IRAQ, TO  
25 PALESTINE AND THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST BRINGING MEDICINE AND



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1 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED. SHE WAS A VICE PRESIDENT  
2 OF PAN WEST AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF LAANE. SHE'S SURVIVED  
3 BY HER HUSBAND OF 42 YEARS, DONALD, HER DAUGHTER KRISTEN  
4 KESSLER, HER SON GEOFFREY KESSLER AND MANY OTHER FAMILY  
5 MEMBERS. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN  
6 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOE CLEAREY, LONGTIME MALIBU  
7 BUSINESS OWNER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. HE  
8 WAS BORN IN L.A., GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1939.  
9 ON THE EVE OF WORLD WAR II, HE ENROLLED IN THE CALIFORNIA  
10 MARITIME ACADEMY AND DURING THE WAR HE COMMANDED SEVERAL  
11 LIBERTY CLASS SHIPS. FOLLOWING HIS NAVAL SERVICE, HE AND HIS  
12 NEW BRIDE SETTLED IN THE SANTA MONICA-PACIFIC PALISADES AREA  
13 AND OPENED A LUMBER AND HARDWARE BUSINESS, RAISED A FAMILY.  
14 SOLD THE BUSINESS AFTER 30 YEARS AND RETIRED TO ENJOY A LIFE  
15 OF TRAVEL, FAMILY VISITS AND GOLF. SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS,  
16 TIM AND PHILIP, SIX GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS WIDOWED TWICE.  
17 PREDECEASED BY TWO WIVES, BOTH OF WHOM HE DEEPLY LOVED. MARY  
18 ANN HIS WIFE OF 43 YEARS SURVIVES HIM. THE MOTHER-- MARY ANN  
19 WAS ONE OF THE WIVES WHO PREDECEASED HIM. SHE HAD BEEN MARRIED  
20 TO HIM FOR 43 YEARS WAS THE MOTHER OF THEIR CHILDREN. AND  
21 BARBARA, HIS WIFE OF 25 YEARS. MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I  
22 MOVE FINALLY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
23 OF CLAIRE ANN GOLDRING. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THIRD DISTRICT  
24 AND STUDIO CITY RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80.  
25 SUCCESSFUL PSYCHOLOGIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, SHE ENJOYED MANY

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1 PURSUITS AND PASSIONS OUTHER WORK, AS WELL, GARDENING, FEEDING  
2 HER BIRDS, SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY, TRAVELING, PLAYING  
3 GAMES. SHE WAS CHERISHED AS THE MATRIARCH OF HER FAMILY AND  
4 AMAZING GRANDMOTHER WHO LEAVES A LOVING AND EVERLASTING  
5 INFLUENCE UPON HER 10 GRANDCHILDREN. BUT I FIRST KNEW CLAIRE  
6 ANNE WHEN SHE WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT AND WE WERE BOTH  
7 COUNSELORS AT UNICAM, AT U.C.L.A. WHERE SHE MET IRV AND  
8 MARRIED HIM. I'VE KNOWN THEM THROUGH THEIR WHOLE ADULT LIVES,  
9 THROUGH HAVING THEIR KIDS AND THEIR GRANDKIDS. SHE WAS AN  
10 AMAZING, WONDERFUL, HELPFUL, CHEERFUL, WISE COUNSELOR. SHE'S  
11 GOING TO BE REALLY MISSED BY HER HUSBAND OF 58 YEARS, HERB,  
12 THEIR FOUR KIDS, CATHERINE FARMBERG, DENNY GOLDRING, LEE  
13 GOLDRING AND JILL GOLDRING, THEIR 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER  
14 FAMILY MEMBERS. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. MAYOR, AS YOU MENTIONED, ALL MEMBERS, BUT I  
20 JUST WANTED TO SAY A WORD ABOUT SENATOR CAMPBELL, BILL  
21 CAMPBELL. LONGTIME FRIEND AND MOST OF HIS LEGISLATIVE CAREER  
22 HE REPRESENTED THE AREA WHERE I LIVED IN AND BECAME VERY CLOSE  
23 FRIENDS AND WORKED WITH HIM ON NUMEROUS THINGS. HE IS ACTUALLY  
24 THE ORIGINAL FOUNDER OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE THAT HAS BEEN  
25 TAKEN OVER BY OTHER GOVERNORS. BUT HE WAS THE ORIGINAL SPONSOR

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1 OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE THERE IN LONG BEACH THAT THEY DO  
2 EVERY YEAR. IT'S TURNED OUT SPECTACULAR.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** CAN I SAY A WORD ABOUT SENATOR CAMPBELL?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU CERTAINLY CAN.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** YOU KNOW, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT IN COMMON IN  
9 TERMS OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVED WITH OR KNEW WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY. WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED, I WASN'T SURE HOW THE  
11 REPUBLICANS WERE GOING TO FEEL ABOUT ME. THERE WERE A LOT OF  
12 DIFFERENCES ABOUT ME. AND I JUST WASN'T SURE. I HAVE TO TELL  
13 YOU, BILL CAMPBELL COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE OF A WONDERFUL,  
14 SWEET GENTLEMAN TO ME AND WAS ALWAYS THERE, EVEN THOUGH WE  
15 DIDN'T AGREE. WE WOULD HAVE THE BEST CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE  
16 REAL ISSUE AT HAND AND I REALLY RESPECTED HIM VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** HE WAS VERY EFFECTIVE LEGISLATOR. HE WAS THAT WAY.  
19 JUST A WONDERFUL INDIVIDUAL.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALWAYS SMILING. ALWAYS SMILING.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. MR. MAYOR, I DO HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT IN  
24 MEMORY OF JARED HALK WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY LAST WEEK. JARED  
25 WAS A 1995 GRADUATE OF PARAMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER

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1 GRADUATING, HE ATTENDED MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AND PLAYED  
2 FOOTBALL THERE. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE PARAMOUNT UNIFIED  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE 2005 AS A SCHOOL CAMPUS SECURITY AND  
4 ASSISTANT COACH FOR THE FOOTBALL TEAM. HE HAD AN INCREDIBLE  
5 POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE STUDENTS AND WAS ALWAYS WELL LIKED  
6 BY HIS COWORKERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN, ONE  
7 SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS WHO ALSO ATTEND PARAMOUNT SCHOOLS AND  
8 HIS AUNT. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND  
9 COLLEAGUES. AND I HAD ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT BUT WE DID THAT LAST  
10 WEEK IN MEMORY OF TED SNYDER. SO THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
13 WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE C.S.-1, C.S.-2 BY ONE WEEK AND ON  
14 C.S.-2, BRYAN BARAJAS WANTED TO SPEAK ON THAT ALONG WITH--  
15 WE'LL CALL BRYAN UP RIGHT NOW, IS BRYAN HERE? THEN PUBLIC  
16 COMMENT.

17

18 **BRYAN BARAJAS:** JUST TO CLARIFY. IS THIS PUBLIC COMMENT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. YOU WANTED TO COMMENT ON C.S.-2.  
21 WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THAT IF YOU WANT.

22

23 **BRYAN BARAJAS:** NO. DEFINITELY. USUALLY THESE UNIONS, I WENT TO  
24 CITY HALL AND THEY WERE JUST, YOU KNOW, GETTING PEOPLE TO  
25 RAISE THEIR MINIMUM WAGE. BUT, YOU KNOW, I DEAL WITH THE TOPIC

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1 OF WHY POVERTY IS SO RAMPANT WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS. IT'S  
2 ACTUALLY A FAILURE NOT JUST THE INDIVIDUAL. IT GETS MORE IN  
3 DEPTH BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE, LIKE THE  
4 REPRESENTATIVES SAY WELL THEY'RE NOT EDUCATED SO THEREFORE  
5 THEY HAVE TO BE PAID FOR SLAVE WAGES. THE THING IS IS THAT  
6 EVEN THESE LABOR UNIONS IF THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING, YOU  
7 KNOW, IN THIS COUNTRY, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY BROUGHT UP  
8 ERADICATING POVERTY.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME JUST SAY YOUR TIME'S UP. BUT WE  
11 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. SO STAY RIGHT THERE AND YOU'LL GET  
12 ANOTHER MINUTE. LET ME CALL UP ROBERT LUCAS. JOSE MARTINEZ.  
13 MARTHA SALINAS. YVA GAL. YVONNE WATSON. VEE KOUSAYAN. HAMID  
14 SAFARI. OKAY. GO ON.

15

16 **BRYAN BARAJAS:** OKAY. SO WHAT I'M GOING TO TURN IN HERE IS WHAT  
17 THIS LA ROUCHE P.A.C. ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT  
18 ACTUALLY. OUR POLICY IS TO HELP NOT JUST THE UNITED STATES BUT  
19 HELP OTHER COUNTRIES' CITIZENS. ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT WE'RE  
20 DEALING WITH IS THE TOTAL BANKRUPTCY OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM  
21 ITSELF. ONE OF THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES THAT WE ARE LOOKING  
22 INTO IS SOMEONE FROM WHO USED TO BE I BELIEVE GOVERNOR OF  
23 MARYLAND, A MARTIN O'MALLEY WHO IS RUNNING AS A POTENTIAL  
24 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE GLASS- STEAGALL ACT. I WILL  
25 TURN IN THE LEAFLETS THAT I HAVE THAT PERTAIN TO THIS. BUT THE

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1 THREAT OF THE WORLD WAR III PLAYS INTO THE DESTRUCTION OF A  
2 BANKRUPT SYSTEM. LIKE I SAID, I'LL TURN THIS IN. BUT PEOPLE  
3 SHOULD READ IT.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JAMES  
6 GRASSO. WAYNE SPINDLER. JOHN WALSH. BRYON JUST SPOKE. LYNNE  
7 PLAMBECK. OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST?

8

9 **MARTHA SALINAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR, AND BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARTHA SALINAS. I AM A SENIOR TYPIST  
11 CLERK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR  
12 26 YEARS. AND I HAVE GONE UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WITH PHILIP  
13 BROWNING DIRECTOR AND NOW YOU. I HAVE BEEN DENIED RELEASE TIME  
14 TO FINISH MY MASTER'S OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AT CAL STATE LONG  
15 BEACH. AND I WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP TO REVERSE THIS UNFAIR  
16 DENIAL AND PUNITIVE ACTION AGAINST ME. THIS DENIAL WILL RESULT  
17 IN CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH TO DROP ME FROM THE  
18 PROGRAM. AS THE FIRST PERSON WHO GRADUATED IN MY FAMILY FROM  
19 THE UNIVERSITY, MY GOAL AND DREAM IS TO FINISH THE MASTER'S OF  
20 SOCIAL WORK. I WAS GIVEN LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT BY DR. CHARLES  
21 SOPHIE AND OTHER MANAGERS WHEN I ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM. MY  
22 SUPERVISOR [INAUDIBLE] SUPPORTED ME.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BUT GIVE YOUR REMARKS. THE  
25 SERGEANT AT ARMS WILL GIVE US COPIES OF THAT, YOUR COMMENT.

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1

2 **MARTHA SALINAS:** THANK YOU, SIR. I NEED YOUR HELP TODAY,  
3 PLEASE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

6

7 **MARTHA SALINAS:** I LIVE IN BELLFLOWER. BELLFLOWER, THAT'S  
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE. HE'LL HAVE A DEPUTY SPEAK TO YOU. JUST GO  
9 OVER, HE'LL COME DOWN AND TALK TO YOU.

10

11 **MARTHA SALINAS:** THANK YOU, SIR. BUT, REMEMBER, I'M A COUNTY  
12 EMPLOYEE, I WORK FOR ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BUT,  
13 YES, THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ELIZABETH BARRIS. PATRICIA MCPHERSON.  
16 JEANETTE VOSBURG. WE HAVE NICOLE PARSON IN ANTELOPE VALLEY.  
17 BUT SHE'LL SPEAK AFTER THE THREE OF YOU SPEAK. AND THEN MR.  
18 SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO START THAT FOUR YEARS AGO I WAS AN L.A.  
21 COUNTY EMPLOYEE, MY FIRST JOB AFTER HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS WORKING  
22 FOR PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT IN HARBOR ADMINISTRATION IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY. THE LAST 25 YEARS OF MY LIFE I'VE BEEN WORKING IN THE  
24 HEALTH INDUSTRY. AND WHEN YOU FEEL THE PAIN OF THE PEOPLE, YOU  
25 DON'T-- YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WHEN YOU DON'T, YOU DON'T



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1 KNOW HOW IT IS. I ASK ALL OF THE EXPERTS, THE MILITARY EXPERTS  
2 THAT TALKED ABOUT CELL TOWERS EARLIER, DID YOU EVER LIVE 12  
3 YEARS RIGHT WITHIN 300 FEET FROM A CELL TOWER? HE SAID NO. HE  
4 DOESN'T KNOW HOW IT IS TO LIVE RIGHT NEXT TO A CELL TOWER.  
5 CANCER RESEARCH IS DONE ON RANDOM PATIENTS. SHOULD BE DONE ON  
6 PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEXT TO THE CELL TOWERS. HOW FAR THEY LIVE  
7 FROM A CELL TOWER. HOW MANY FEET. CHECK THE EMISSION OF THE  
8 CELL TOWERS, EVEN IF IT'S WALL BARRIERS. DIFFERENT METERS SHOW  
9 DIFFERENT THINGS FROM THE CELL TOWERS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, MA'AM, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, BUT  
12 IF YOU GIVE US YOUR TESTIMONY, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS WILL HAVE  
13 COPIES MADE FOR EACH OF US.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WE NEED GOOD RESEARCH ABOUT THE CELL TOWERS. IT'S NOT  
16 DONE CORRECTLY. IT'S INFLAMMATIONS, HEART ISSUES, MEMORY,  
17 COGNITIVE DISORDER, SEX ISSUES, CANCER, LEUKEMIA FOR ADULT,  
18 AND CHILDREN, ANGER, NEGATIVE ENERGY, TIRED CONSTANTLY,  
19 EXHAUSTION.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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23 **SPEAKER:** I WANTED TO GET OFF THE SYSTEM FOR A WHILE AND GET ON  
24 TO D.C.F.S. I WAS WONDERING WHO LOOKS INTO THEM? I MET A LOT  
25 OF WORKERS THIS LAST FEW MONTHS AND THEY'RE ALL VERY

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1 INCOMPETENT, VERY. I MEAN, LET'S JUST SAY WORST WAS WORST AND  
2 I WAS DRUNK DRIVING WITH MY KIDS IN THE CAR, I SHOULD HAVE MY  
3 KIDS BACK IN JANUARY AND THAT'S WORSE COMES TO WORSE. IN MY  
4 CASE, FROM MY DATE WAS JANUARY 13TH COURT DATE, THE NEXT ONE  
5 SHOULD HAVE BEEN JANUARY 28TH. AND THEN REGULAR FOLLOW UPS.  
6 AND THEN FROM JANUARY 13TH IT GOT CONTINUED TO MARCH 2ND. I  
7 MEAN, THE JUDGE'S OPINION, I SAW THE REPORT. I SAW THE  
8 D.C.F.S. REPORT. I GOT WHY THE JUDGE-- I THINK HE WAS MISTAKE  
9 WITH THE WHOLE-- LET ME TELL YOU. THEY WROTE THE DAD, THIS S  
10 FERNANDO RAMIREZ, ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARENTING  
11 PROBLEMS. EMPLOYED. EXPANDING THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS APART.  
12 FREE FROM ALCOHOL, DRUG DEPENDENCY. INSIGHT INTO FAMILY  
13 PROBLEMS, MOTIVATED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. PARENT SHOWS EMPATHY  
14 FOR CHILD. NINE YEARS, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM. MY DAUGHTER SAW HIM  
15 LAST YEAR ACTUALLY ONE TIME, PASSING BY AND HE DIDN'T SAY HI  
16 TO HER. SO WHO LOOKS OVER WHAT D.C.F.S. SAYS? BECAUSE LIKE THE  
17 ONES HERE TOO, "OH, JUST TALK TO YOUR LAWYER."

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN THE COURTS MAKE A RULING, WE  
20 CAN'T INTERFERE WITH A COURT DECISION.

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22 **SPEAKER:** NOT THE COURTS. NO, NO. COURT SAW THE FROM THE  
23 D.C.F.S. IS THE REPORT, THAT'S IT. SO WHO GOES OVER THAT  
24 REPORT? LIKE MY DOCTOR CHASLER, HE IS VERY UPSET AT DAWN  
25 WASLER. SHE PURPOSELY WROTE, LIKE FIRST SHE TRIED TO GET HIM

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1 TO TURN ON ME, AND HE DIDN'T. BECAUSE HE DIDN'T, SHE PURPOSELY  
2 WRONG THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW ME, THAT HE HAS ONLY SEEN ME TWO  
3 TIMES. LIKE WHO OVERSEES THAT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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7 **SPEAKER:** IN BURBANK.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. TONY WILL TALK TO YOU.

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11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME-- YES, SIR.

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15 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MR. MAYOR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
16 OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE PUBLIC TO  
17 HEAR ME. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF MY DISABLED WIFE WHO IS AN  
18 EMPLOYEE OF THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SPECIFICALLY LOS  
19 ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LAST WEEK I WAS HERE, I GOT THE  
20 IMPRESSION THAT THE BOARD AND THE COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT I WOULD  
21 LIKE TO ARGUE ABOUT MY WIFE'S PENDING LEGAL CASE BY WRITING TO  
22 MR. ANTONOVICH WHO REPRESENTS MY DISTRICT. THAT WAS NOT MY  
23 INTENTION AT ALL. I HAVE AN ATTORNEY TO DO THAT. HOWEVER,  
24 REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF HER LEGAL CASE, I CANNOT BE  
25 SILENT ON AN ISSUE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO ANY CITIZEN OF THIS

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1 COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON  
2 THE SUBJECT WHICH RELATES TO EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE COUNTY OF  
3 LOS ANGELES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN GENERAL. EVERY EMPLOYEE  
4 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT IN PARTICULAR, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO MEET WITH  
6 ME. I WELCOME MR. SALADINO'S PRESENCE, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO TO LANCASTER.  
9 NICOLE, ARE YOU THERE? OH MY GOODNESS. HELLO, NICOLE. WE CAN'T  
10 HEAR YOU, NICOLE. SPEAK IN THE MICROPHONE. TAKE OFF THE MASK  
11 SO WE CAN HEAR YOU. [SILENCE.] OKAY. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
12 THANK YOU, NICOLE. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. BYE-BYE. OKAY. BYE-  
13 BYE. MR. SPINDLER.

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15 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** NOBODY COULD HEAR THE LAST SPEAKER. I THINK  
16 SHE WAS SAYING THAT ANTONOVICH IS DOING A GREAT JOB. NOW,  
17 WE'RE GETTING UP IN THE MOUNTAINS LAKE HUGHES, LAKE ELIZABETH,  
18 THEY DID GET SOME RAIN WATER, BUT THEY'RE NOT FILLING UP FAST  
19 ENOUGH. THESE LAKES ARE VERY DRY. YOU NEED TO GET ENGAGED  
20 AGAINST THE D.W.P. AND GET THE WATER BACK IN THOSE LAKES  
21 BECAUSE RIGHT OVER IN BOUQUET CANYON THEY GOT ENOUGH WATER  
22 THERE TO SUPPLY US FOR 20 YEARS. SO THEY STOLE THE WATER  
23 BECAUSE THEY HAD TO PUT OUT THEIR FIRE. WE KNOW THEY CAUSED  
24 IT. SO RESTORE THE LAKES TO THEIR CONDITION BECAUSE THE RAIN  
25 WE'VE GOTTEN SHOULD HAVE MORE THAN FILLED THEM UP AND THEY'RE

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1 JUST TRYING TO COME BACK AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT. THE BOARD  
2 NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION AND MAKE THESE PEOPLE WHOLE IN THE  
3 MOUNTAINS. THEY'RE IN VERY DIRE STRAITS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
8 AND I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU TOOK ME UP ON THE FLAG  
9 SITUATION, BUT I DON'T APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT SUPERVISOR  
10 KNABE GOT SO BENT OUT OF SHAPE ABOUT MY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL  
11 SHIRT. NEWSPAPER. THIS IS WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK ON TRANSIT  
12 CONNECTION TO L.A.X. SO CAN SOMEBODY ANSWER WHATEVER HAPPENED  
13 TO THE GREEN LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY THAT WAS PROPOSED BY  
14 SENATOR TED LU AND THE CONGRESSWOMAN JENNY ARIPOSA. IT NEVER  
15 HAPPENED. NEVER HAPPENED. YOU GOT THE CRENSHAW LINE GOING  
16 NORTH TO SOUTH ALONG THE SAME ROUTE THAT THE GREEN LINE WOULD  
17 HAVE GONE SOUTH TO NORTH. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A CONSTRUCTION  
18 AUTHORITY. SO WHEN YOU CAN ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, BUT YOU GOT  
19 A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY FOR THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION  
20 AUTHORITY EVEN THOUGH YOUR PREDECESSOR, MISS SOLIS, AUTHORIZED  
21 THE FUNDING TO THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WHEN YOU  
22 CAN ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THEN I'LL TELL  
23 YOU ABOUT THE SHIRT.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION TO ADJOURN. SO ORDERED.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
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